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Plaza owners refuse to sell to city-appointed developer

By Fran Sieur

EL CERRITO — The El Cerrito Plaza Company is negotiating to sell the shopping center to the city, but the city-appointed developer, Hodge Dolle, said in a phone interview Tuesday. Plans for acquisition and renovation of the center may also be complicated by the fact that a lawsuit is entering the picture.

The El Cerrito Plaza Company, represented by Dolle, is a corporation formed by southern California landowner Bilak and his family (including son, Dorian Bilak, who has a frequent presence at the Plaza); the Bilaks own half the center, including the facilities of all the businesses and the Lucky property.

The Plaza is owned by Long's (owned by the drug store chain) and the city. The remainder of the Plaza had been owned by the Emporium (building and half the Plaza lot). Federated Department stores bought the Plaza over a year ago with the intention of re-selling

it; John Pensk & Co. (also southern California-based) has had an option to purchase for some time.

Pensk and the Bilaks both submitted proposals for development of the Plaza to the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency. The Agency chose Wilton/Terranomics' proposal from among seven submitted. The Agency now has an Exclusive Negotiating Rights Agreement with Wilton Partners.

Pensk has apparently decided to sell the property to another company whose development proposal was rejected.

According to Dolle, American Stores (owner of Lucky) "will own the Federated property within a week or two."

"I think (Pensk) saw he was not going to be the developer and decided to make a good profit on the property," he said.

The simplest way for the developer to acquire the property would be to purchase it directly from the primary owners, American Stores and the El Cerrito

Plaza Company. (All seven developers had expected Long's to stay at the Plaza, though likely in a different location.)

'This is going to be a knock-down, drag-out fight all the way.'

—HODGE DOLLE, ATTORNEY FOR EL CERRITO PLAZA COMPANY

At the present time, however, it's those two companies who are doing the negotiating.

"We're in discussions with them now concerning the construction of a new Lucky store," said Dolle.

For some time, Lucky has wanted to expand; a relocation to the southeast portion of the Plaza had

been discussed. The Bilaks have expressed themselves as open to the idea (though a Safeway store had been a critical component of their own development proposal).

Currently, "a couple of different locations" are under discussion for the new Lucky "superstore." Dolle said it is likely that the store would be sited entirely on El Cerrito Plaza Company property, with the Federated parking lot used and the old Emporium site turned over to other purposes. (A "you use our property, we'll use yours" solution.)

The plan "doesn't fit in" with Agency plans for a renovated Plaza, he said.

"That's the problem."

Speaking for the El Cerrito Plaza Company, Dolle said bringing another developer into the Plaza "would mean the end for everybody in the Plaza."

"We believe the (proposed) plan is not practically or economically feasible," he said.

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Meeting of minds on future of San Pablo

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — With an eye on creating a better, more pedestrian-friendly San Pablo Avenue, a handful of city residents put their heads together last week as part of much talked-about San Pablo Avenue Vision Plan.

Residents, business owners, city officials and consultants met twice last week, once on Thursday and again on Saturday morning, to help shape the future of Albany's main traffic corridor. The Vision Plan will serve as a sort of overall guide for future development along San Pablo, according to Assistant City Administrator Anne Ritzma, who will make its way before the City Council later this month.

While San Pablo is Albany's most well-travelled



Photo by Chester King Vega

Residents, business owners, city officials and consultants took a walk on San Pablo to brainstorm ways to improve homes and businesses along the avenue.

automobile corridor, for pedestrians, it leaves something to be desired, participants learned. A high noise level, cars perpetually whooshing past and businesses spread out in a manner which does not invite window shopping are among the obstacles to turning San Pablo into a pedestrian-friendly urban boulevard.

Also, changes to various city

ordinances, including Measure D — which mandates two parking spaces be provided for each residential unit built — could be in the works, particularly if mixed-use housing is built. The council action to result from the process involves adding to the existing San Pablo Avenue Design Guidelines this spring.

According to an economic

report drawn up as part of the process, businesses on San Pablo generate a hefty 50 percent of the city's sales tax revenue. Of that amount, more than half is generated from auto-oriented businesses, with restaurants and bars kicking in an additional 13 percent.

The plan states there are

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AC Transit reinstates evening & weekend service to Albany Hill

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — After a long and winding journey through AC Transit's decision-making process, city residents and transportation advocates have succeeded in restoring weekend and evening bus service to Albany Hill.

Despite obstacles ranging from a meeting overrun by communists to a proposal to restore service which mysteriously disappeared earlier this year, the tenacious group fought on and emerged victorious. By a 6-0 vote, with Boardmember Matt Williams abstaining, AC Transit's Board of Directors decided last week to restore weekend and evening service to Pierce Street and the surrounding area, although on a lesser scale than existed prior to last year's cuts.

Those ready to hop on the bus this weekend will have to wait some time, however, as the change will not be effective until June. According to Steve Perry, AC Transit's manager of service development, buses will run until approximately 8:15 p.m. on weekdays and from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. on weekends.

The vote marks the end of a nearly year-and-a-half long struggle by city residents and transportation advocates, many from the three condominium complexes at the base of the hill, to bring bus service back to Pierce Street. Service was cut on Dec. 31, 1995, as part of an 11 percent overall reduction.

Bus riders did not take the cuts lying down, however, and embarked on a campaign which culminated in last week's vote. The group held meetings, wrote letters, circulated petitions and kept the pressure on until service was finally restored.

According to Beverly Battiste, a Gateview Condominiums resident, the process began early last year at a meeting where the citizen group Alliance for AC Transit was formed. The group also enlisted the help of Albany City Councilmember Bruce Mast, who hosted a "Town Hall" meeting in early February, 1996, aimed at restoring service.

That meeting, attended by city residents, AC Transit and Albany officials, proved less than successful, as it was to some extent hijacked by pro-communist members

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Debate on Albany High and its students elicits no easy answers

By Martina Joffe

ALBANY — Parents and community members crowded into an Albany High School classroom Monday for a question-and-answer session that didn't answer the big question: what do you do with 900 teenagers?

The meeting was meant to dispel rumors about the fate of the school's students: if the school was going to be torn down, where would temporary housing be located and how much might the whole thing cost?

The session was sponsored by the Albany High School Parent-Teacher Association.

The destiny of Albany High now rests in the hands of the state architect. School officials will have to wait until sometime in late April for the architect to release an engineering report that determines whether it would be cheaper to raze part of the 64-year-old high school — which a recent structural report declared seismically unsafe — rather than retrofit it. The consensus among district officials is that the school will probably face demolition.

Either way, it's to the quads for the students. The district is already in the market for temporary buildings, knows as "quads," to make needed classroom space for a portion of Albany High's student body, said Boardmember Ed McManus. A retrofit would take at least a year-and-a-half and a tear-down and rebuild might take as long as three years, he said.

Now one of the biggest decisions the district faces is where the quads will be located. Possible locations include Cougar Field and areas around the high school, including Albany Memorial Park. Other sites, including the UC-Berkeley Gill Tract and property at 8th

and Harrison streets, have generally been ruled out.

However, a number of actions, including the planned creation of a new middle school, caused some at the meeting to wonder if the district may have too many irons in the budget fire.

Boardmembers and district officials assured the crowd that the district was in good shape financially, in large part as the result of a \$31.6 million bond measure passed by the voters in 1993. The district is seeking numerous funding sources for projects and the bond money is just one category of a complex system of financing the needed construction, officials said.

"Do we have enough money? We think so," said School Board President Marsha Skinner. The district still has most of its bond money and would have enough funding to complete the district's major projects including Albany High's reconstruction or retrofit, she said. Other projects include: a new middle school on Brighton Avenue and a new roof for Cornell Elementary School.

"It's getting expensive and difficult," she said, referring to funding education projects and complying with state and federal mandates, such as the American with Disabilities Act, smaller class sizes and earth-

quads for the students. The district is already in the market for temporary buildings, knows as "quads," to make needed classroom space for a portion of Albany High's student body, said Boardmember Ed McManus. A retrofit would take at least a year-and-a-half and a tear-down and rebuild might take as long as three years, he said.

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Chester King Vega

Engineer Jarl Grunseith and firefighters Marvin Mears and Mark Figueira check out the not-quite finished fire station located on The Arlington in Albany.

Fire Station #72 nears completion

Arlington Fire Station #72 is "about three-quarters of the way finished," according to Fire Chief Steve Cutright. The station, located at 1520 Arlington, had been in dire need of a complete renovation when the work began several months ago. The city's modern-day fire engines didn't even fit inside the old building. Until they can move into the newly-upgraded facility, the station's crew has been housed in the Arlington Clubhouse. The community meeting house has been fitted as a temporary station, with an office and quarters for the captain, a dorm for an engineer and firefighters, restroom and kitchen facilities. The company's fire engine and grass/brush rig are kept outside. "The final construction phase for our permanent Fire Station #72 is proceeding rapidly," said Cutright. "We anticipate moving sometime in late April."

■ Letters to the Editor

Consider all options, urges Albany Middle School staff

Editor:
The entire facilities' design of the Albany Unified School District seems to be changing at the same time. In The Journal and wherever our schools are discussed, there are big questions: Will we retrofit or rebuild the high school for earthquake safety? Where will we get more elementary classrooms to accommodate class size reductions and growing enrollment in the primary grades? How will the new middle school site compare to the old one? Are we spending our \$31.5 million facilities bond money wisely? These are all complex and difficult questions.

Following the AUD's recent cut of \$1.2 million from the new Albany Middle School building project on Brighton near Masonic, the undersigned staff from Albany Middle School urge the district to stop and consider all options before taking another step in design or construction of school buildings.

We are concerned because what began as a \$14 million middle school for the children three years ago has now shrunk to \$10.5 million. The specific cuts are outlined below, as are some of our questions regarding AUD facilities' priorities. As the AUD may soon present its design plan for the state's approval, we encourage you to become informed and involved now.

In recent years AMS on Jackson Street has accommodated up to 720 students (although it was built for a maximum of 540), by adding five portable classrooms in the parking lot. Three years ago we suggested the addition of an eight- classroom wing (estimated cost \$3 million), including upgraded science facilities. In 1993, when a new middle school was proposed to be built on the Hill Lumber Co. site on Brighton Avenue, we supported the plan since it included science labs, a full-sized gym, a larger music room and more classrooms. The current middle school would then be converted to an elementary school, and Vista and MacGregor schools would be closed.

On Feb. 25, 1997, the AMS Facilities Committee, consisting of AMS parents, teachers and administrators, wrote a memo in response to the additional \$1.2 million to be cut from the new middle school, stating: "...the design of the new middle school has been changed several times with a number of important items dropped from the project ... the building no longer meets the program needs of the middle school nor does it represent the best use of the monies available for all of the needs of the district..." The AMS Facilities Committee further urged that "...the facilities priorities be re-examined and re-prioritized to meet the two most pressing needs of the district: elementary classrooms and the rebuilding or retrofitting of the high school."

As we are uncertain where the AUD Facilities Steering Committee now stands, we have decided, as a school staff, to make our concerns public. Our fundamental questions are: Why build a new middle school if it's going to be inadequate? The existing AMS was carefully designed to be a middle school, not an elementary school. The two are not the same. Why not expand the middle school and build a new elementary school at the old Hill Lumber Co. site? It will be costly to convert the existing middle school to an elementary school (i.e. much of the plumbing would have to be lowered, and so on).

At AMS we've been forced to raise these questions as we contemplate the cuts to date and the latest "List of Possible Eliminations." The following are examples of existing and proposed cuts.

- Cuts to date include:
- Student lockers have already been eliminated. The current middle school has lockers.
 - The air conditioning system has also been eliminated. For ventilation, each classroom will have one window that opens. Remember, BART is right next door. The current middle school has AC.
 - Four classrooms have already been eliminated. Eighth-grade teachers will not have a home classroom but will have to move throughout the school day.
 - Four science labs have already been reduced to two science labs.
- AUD's proposed "List of Possible Eliminations" on Feb. 21, totalling \$1.8 million, include:
- Eliminate four more standard classrooms and replace with modular units. That would give us 16 classrooms at the new site, plus modulars, compared to 18 classrooms at the current site, plus portables.
 - Eliminate sinks (20) in all classrooms.
 - Reduce gym size and eliminate gym bleachers, curtain, skylight; reduce the number of gym lockers.
 - Reduce the teaching resource wall to a marker

- board with TV bracket.
- Eliminate movable walls between classrooms.
 - Remove the corridor to the arts building and eliminate covered walkway.
 - In addition, other details in the quality of tile, carpet, window glazing, gate, stairwell, roof design and landscaping, are proposed.
- We always knew there would be compromises, but now we must ask:
- Will there be more cuts to consider before this project is completed?
 - Does the community want a new middle school building that is no larger than the existing one, a site that is smaller than the existing one (including the sharing of Cougar Field with the high school), next to BART, and in proximity to the high school and an elementary school?
 - Are there other building options to consider before we break ground, such as building a new elementary school on Brighton and adding on to the existing middle school?

The people of Albany have always been vigorous in support of its schools. Personally, I am an Albany resident with two children at Marin, I've been a teacher in the district for 15 years, and my mother was a librarian in the district between 1955 and 1985. I was thrilled that our community passed two school bond measures in the past decade. Parent participation at our school sites has always been strong. Albany schools enjoy a wide, well-earned reputation built over the decades by caring citizens and school employees in Albany. In that respect, nothing has changed. We are urging, however, that we all pause and consider our facilities options for the future of all of Albany's children.

Ultimately, all decisions are school board decisions. Their meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at Cornell Elementary in the auditorium, at 7:30 p.m. The Albany School Board members always welcome community input.

Bob Pressnall

This letter was also signed by 37 teachers, two counselors, a school psychologist, two secretaries, two custodians, two aides and one food service supervisor of Albany Middle School.

Media without government

Editor:
Abraham Lincoln once said that if he had to choose between government without the media or the media without the government, he would select the latter. I wholeheartedly agree and am writing to thank your paper for its coverage of Albany events. Your reporting of the 1996 Albany Hillside Tax Measure illustrates the importance of Lincoln's statement. The assessment district created by the 1996 measure allows the city council to do whatever it wants with collected taxes under the guise of open space. The measure provides for no oversight, or citizen input, of how the council decides to spend these revenues.

Essentially, taxpayers pay the assessment with no guarantee of anything in return. It's a pay first, buy later scheme — a politician's dream. In fact, Albany's former mayor supplied 40 percent of the measure's campaign expenses. Since he sponsored the measure, it certainly must have been his dream. Fortunately, because of the Political Reform Act, the Fair Political Practices commission is still investigating the ex-mayor's involvement.

The city is contemplating purchasing some land on the hill, with the Hillside Tax monies, for approximately \$200,000 per acre, or about \$5 a square foot. In comparison, the East Bay Parks District usually pays \$2 to \$3 per square foot for its open space. In addition, city staff fails to disclose that, due to zoning regulations, parcels on the hill must provide 50 percent open space for any kind of development.

Per the California Environmental Quality Act, developments must provide Environmental Impact Reports if they affect their surroundings. Furthermore, because of steep terrain, extensive vegetation, and lack of parking, open space on the hill won't be accessible to many residents (nor to many developers for that matter). Are Albany Hill parcels the most efficient use of open space tax dollars? Not really. There is lots more reasonably-priced, accessible land on Albany's waterfront which is already zoned for recreation. But the authors of the hillside tax measure knew all this; unfortunately voters did not.

Perhaps even more disturbing is that Albany officials are not following provisions of the Brown Act in negotiating land purchases for this assessment

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■ Police Reports

Car thieves transported to Berkeley

Albany — At about 12:30 a.m. on March 5 Albany officers responded to a call from a security guard on the 500 block of Pierce Street who had heard glass breaking in the parking area. An '82 Toyota Celica had been broken into, the window smashed, and the stereo, cell phone and jewelry had been stolen. When officers arrived they observed a person entering the passenger side of a car moving down the wrong side of the street. They stopped the car and contacted a 19-year-old Richmond man and a 25-year-old San Pablo man. A search of the car and the men found items stolen from the Toyota Celica. The two men were arrested and transported to the Berkeley jail.

On the evening of March 2 a resident on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue reported that over the weekend thieves had broken into his home and stolen his video system. There were no witnesses.

At about 1:30 a.m. on March 4 a resident on the 700 block of Hillside Avenue reported that a taxi cab had dropped off a woman at the end of the street and now the woman was banging on her door. Officers advised the resident not to open the door and they would respond. They found a Richmond woman who was intoxicated. She was arrested, and cited to be released when sober.

On the morning of March 4 a resident on the 600 block of Kains

Avenue reported that between 3 and 6 p.m. on March 3 two neighborhood kids entered her backyard, broke a branch on her apple tree and slashed the tree and a garden hose. She only wanted this reported.

On the afternoon of March 6 a resident on the 400 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that about 10 minutes prior, while she was in the bathtub, she heard someone break her bedroom window. There was no one there when she checked.

On the morning of March 6 a resident on the 700 block of Solano Avenue reported that his car had been stolen during the night. There were no witnesses.

On the evening of March 6 a resident reported that he had observed a man standing on a corner of Solano and San Pablo avenues who was bothering people and asking for money. Officers contacted a transient man from Richmond who was intoxicated and indeed bothering people. He was arrested to be released when sober.

On the evening of March 6 the owner of a restaurant on the 1400 block of Solano Avenue reported that a man was taking food off tables after patrons left and disturbing other diners. Officers contacted a transient man who was intoxicated. He was arrested and cited to be released when sober.

On the night of March 6 a woman reported that her car had been hit

while it was parked on the corner of Key Route Boulevard and there were no witnesses.

At about 1 a.m. on March 6 a man reported that his car had been stolen while it was parked on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of March 6 a resident on the 400 block of Stannage Avenue reported that a '78 Toyota Corolla had been stolen during the night while it was parked in front of her house. There were no witnesses.

On the evening of March 6 a resident on the 700 block of Stannage Avenue reported that between 7:30 p.m. on the day the thieves had stolen a bike off the porch. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of March 6 a resident on the 1000 block of Solano Avenue reported that three stolen bikes from her back porch. There were no witnesses.

During the week of March 6 Albany officers fingerprinted people at their request, towed a car, responded to 11 false alarms, intervened in 21 domestic disputes, attended to three lost and ceased animals, assisted 12 people who were locked out of their homes or cars and responded to the ports of barking dogs.

Albany firefighter responded to six reports of 17 medical emergencies.

Shoplifter fights with guards on Target

EL CERRITO — A Portland man is accused of robbery by force after attempting to shoplift an item worth 99 cents. He was approached by security guards in the Target parking lot, fought back and hit them in trying to escape.

A Richmond male juvenile stopped by Target store security for shoplifting Feb. 27 (at 5:30 p.m.) was found to have "individually packaged cocaine base" in his possession.

Someone took a purse from the interior of a home in the 5300 block of Rosalind Avenue on the afternoon of Feb. 27; the door to the home was unlocked while the victim was outside.

A coin purse was stolen from the purse of an Albany woman shopping at Long's between 1 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. Feb. 28. (A female suspect was seen.)

A rare bike was stolen from a garage in the 5200 block of Gordon Avenue at 2:20 a.m. March 3; the garage door opener had been forced.

A vacant house was burglarized in the 2300 block of Mono between Feb. 23 and 28; miscellaneous items

belonging to the previous owner were taken.

Checks were reported stolen from a mailbox in the 5700 block of Jordan Avenue at about 10:30 a.m. Nov. 8; they were subsequently altered and cashed.

Two city trees and the poles supporting them were torn out overnight Feb. 28; one was planted in the center divide, the other on the curb strip in the 100 block of Ashbury.

Two El Cerrito male juveniles are accused of defacing property at Sierra School, marking obscenities with colored chalk, at 3:07 p.m. March 2.

There were four arrests for driving under the influence: a Martinez man at 2 a.m. March 1 (Carlson, near Conlon), an El Cerrito man at 2:08 a.m. the same morning (Central and San Pablo), an El Cerrito man at 2:30 a.m. March 2 (Carlson at San Pablo) and a San Francisco man at 2:20 a.m. March 3 (Potrero and Eastshore).

Three auto burglaries were reported overnight March 1, two in the 2700 block of Del Monte Av-

enue. Someone ransacked a miniculer and took a backpack calculator; a stereo was taken from a second vehicle.

A gas card, cellular phone and cord were taken from a car parked in a driveway in the block of Terrace Drive.

In other auto burglaries, miscellaneous items were taken from a vehicle in the 7000 block of Fairmount Avenue March 2, and a CD player was taken from a car parked in the 1200 block of Lawrence Avenue Feb. 27.

A vehicle was vandalized Kearney south of Blake; someone threw a bottle at it at 9:40 p.m. Feb. 25.

An unattended purse was stolen from a restaurant at El Cerrito between 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 3.

There were two domestic violence reports.

Five shoplifting arrests were reported at FoodsCo: two Richmond women, an Oakland man, a Richmond man and a Hercules man.

Two bikes were turned in as lost and found.

Foundation will match computer donations

ALBANY — Albany Middle School (AMS) needs surplus 386 or faster working computers! Now enrolled in the 1996-97 Detwiler Foundation Computers for Schools Program Matching Challenge, AMS can earn double the number of computers donated by local businesses and individuals. The goal is to add 30 computers for use in classrooms and computer labs.

The Detwiler Foundation will match locally-donated computers with equal or faster computers donated by California's largest employers, including Pacific Bell,

Intel, AirTouch Cellular, and others. The Matching Challenge runs through March 30.

"We are excited by this opportunity and see this program key to our effort to get an adequate number of high-quality computers into our classrooms," said Teresa Corpuz, AMS principal. "Time and time again, we are finding that integrating computers into classroom curricula stimulates students' interests in learning and helps improve student achievement."

California—a state that is known as the hub of the computer industry

—has been the lowest in the ratio of students to computers. The Detwiler Foundation committed to providing an opportunity for businesses and communities to pull together to get California students the technology need to be competitive in the 21st century.

Since the Detwiler Foundation began its Computers for Schools Program in 1991, more than 200 computers have been placed in schools. Contact Teresa Corpuz at Albany Middle School at 559-6540.

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result, thanks to the efforts of many players.

On the north end of town, although not complete, the Poinsett Creek restoration through Poinsett Park is taking shape. The creek was daylighted, the stream bed bio-engineered, willow slips and other riparian vegetation installed and the hillside planted with trees and shrubs. The city staff and our engineering consultants were lucky to have the assistance of the Urban Creeks Council to direct and sometimes correct this first effort to day-

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portion of the present high school will still be in use, there is a benefit to both the community and the student body in having the entire high school in one cohesive location.

El Cerrito just held its first planning meeting (Feb. 25) on the closure of Behrens Street. Not only did they mail a letter to all affected neighbors in El Cerrito, but they invited Albany's participation in the open discussion. No Albany officials informed us of the new problem of the high school's relocation. Rather than leaving us uninformed, isn't it possible to solicit our input DURING the decision-making process?

The overwhelming feeling at the El Cerrito planning meeting was one of shock; we want to ensure that our street is closed fast, as a minimum safety measure to protect the safety of our children and street. We certainly expect Albany to honor its commitment to this part of the agreement.

It appears the Albany School Board only listens when lawyers get into the act.

We remain open to real participation and negotiation in these concerns.

Ann Lehman, Pearson Miller
Co-Chairs, Behrens
Neighborhood Association

Public too harsh on Mr. La Force?

Editor:

Perhaps the people of El Cerrito are too harsh on Mr. La Force when criticizing his reply to Mr. Sewell Glinertnick of our Chamber of Commerce.

We forget Mr. La Force is a lawyer and some become offen-

light an El Cerrito creek. Together with the efforts of the Poinsett Park neighborhood group raising funds to improve play equipment in the park, when completed and given a few years of plant growth, this park should become a showcase for creek restoration and a positive addition to the ambience of the neighborhood.

A reminder that the El Cerrito Earth Day Celebration is on Saturday, April 19. In my column in two weeks, I'll talk about the Earth Day Celebration and how you can get involved.

sive when placed in indefensible positions.

Additionally, many lawyers are trained in the F. Lee Bailey technique to use racism when all other tactics fail.

As a member of the El Cerrito City Council, Mr. La Force also must be considered a politician. Of interest, the British news media, *Reuters*, reported a leading British psychologist's theory that many politicians and criminal psychopaths share some behavioral characteristics, the ability to lie easily.

The trouble is they don't like to be studied.

Jefferson Kinney
El Cerrito

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El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency Update

Plans for Plaza incorporate public input

By Mae Ritz

Over the next few months I will be writing about the redevelopment projects ongoing in El Cerrito and why they are important for the growth and revitalization of our city.

There are many diverse views on redevelopment. When redevelopment was first implemented by the city council in 1977, I believe it was intended to be used as a tool to encourage new businesses to look at El Cerrito and see the potential for a successful venture.

As you know, we are a city of homes with little industry to support our budget. For the past few years we have seen our revenues drop to the point where we were forced to downsize city staff and cut services that our citizens enjoy, all to ensure a fiscally responsible budget.

If we are successful with the redevelopment projects that are ongoing now, the sales tax that is generated will help to ensure a stable budget and will allow us to continue investing in our reserves for emergency uses.

For many years when redevelopment was mentioned in conversation, the Plaza was the only area where there was consensus for redevelopment. However, because of the ownership of the property it was not financially feasible. With the closure of the Emporium store there seemed to be an opportunity to finally bring the center into the '90s.

Since there has always been controversy surrounding redevelopment in the city, we wanted to be sure there was public participation in this project. Over a year ago, we began this process by inviting all interested citizens to join a group that would study and make recommendations on what the community wanted and needed at the Plaza.

We were very happy to see so many of you cared about what we were doing and wanted to participate. Bruce Race of Race Studios was the facilitator and spent several sessions with the group until they finally had something they felt they could recommend.

Basic principles

They prefaced their recommendations on seven principles they felt were important to enhance and ensure quality of life in and around the development area. They were: 1) a village center with a town square, 2) BART plaza and town square linkage, 3) residential use near the BART station, 4) Fairmount Avenue mixed use, 5) connections to north and south neighborhoods, 6) San Pablo Avenue storefront commercial and (7) park and/or creek enhancements.

As we listened to the community speak, we realized they wanted more than just a convenient "shopping center." After many years of hoping for "something" at the Plaza, it was finally time to bring our resources together to develop a center



Mae Ritz

that would respond to the needs of the community.

With this in mind, the agency solicited Request for Proposals (RFP) from several developers to begin the revitalization of the Plaza. One of the criteria in the RFP was that the seven principles identified by the citizens be addressed by the developer.

Developer selected

On January 27, 1997, the agency selected Wilton/Terranomics as the Master Developer for the El Cerrito Plaza Shopping Center Revitalization Project.

Over the past week there have been three presentations to the com-

munity by Wilton/Terranomics. The first was to the Redevelopment Advisory Committee. After the presentation the committee agreed that the principles had been met and in some cases expanded. They were pleased to see a defined vision with connections to shops, restaurants and BART.

On March 1, a workshop was held once again with the citizens who participated in the concept design plan (along with other interested persons) to test the developers design. There was discussion and input from over 100 people who attended.

Finally, the plan was presented to the agency at its meeting on March 3. Once again, there were questions and comments. Lloyd Wilton/Terranomics was asked to all three presentations and his staff will revise the design what to respond to comments pressed by the public. The site plan will be presented to the agency March 17 at its regular meeting.

For those of you who missed other presentations, we will have a table set up at the Farmer's Market on March 18 and 22. Please come and look at the plans and questions.

(Mae Ritz is chairperson of the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency.)

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Community voices its support for new middle school in Richmond

On March 1, students, parents, teachers and community leaders gathered at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School to discuss the vision of a new middle school serving the City of Richmond. The vision considered was the renovation of the old Harry Ells High School on Macdonald Avenue.

The event was the second forum sponsored by the Alliance for Public Education, a growing coalition of individuals and organizations concerned about the future of education in West County.

Although the forum yielded no consensus, the prevailing sentiment was clear: a new middle school was needed to alleviate overcrowding at current middle schools, reduce travel time to and from school for many Richmond students, and contribute to the rejuvenation of the aging section of Macdonald Avenue.

However, many forum participants agreed that the construction of a new middle school would have to go hand-in-hand with a commitment by the school district to guarantee a high quality educational program being provided at the school.

The forum itself consisted of two panels. The first, chaired by Yvette Ford of Kaiser Permanente, included students Tara Weekes and Andrea Creer of Portola Middle School, Portola teacher Susan Wehrle, Van de Veer, WCCUSD Area Superintendent, Richmond City Councilman Marquez, and Nate Carter, chairman of the Iron Triangle Community Collaborative.

Class size

A new middle school would reduce class size and let teachers pay attention to students," commented Weekes. Creer also described overcrowded conditions and the

difficulties for students who live far away and who sometimes must ride up to three different buses to make it to school.

Both Wehrle and Van de Veer emphasized that middle school is a key transitional phase for students. In a report presented to the WCCUSD School Board over a year ago, the district's middle school task force, chaired by Van de Veer, recommended limiting middle school size at between 700 - 800 students. This size provides the appropriate scale for both building both a strong school community and providing comprehensive programs for middle school students.

Councilman Marquez brought along an *Oakland Tribune* article from 1987 which discussed transforming Ells into a junior high school. He noted that although a decade had passed the issues are still present, "students arrive at school tired and harassed."

He also expressed the view that the business community considers the quality of local schools, including the availability of middle schools, as a consideration when making relocation decisions.

Financial solutions

The forum's second panel, chaired by Cheryl Maier of Opportunity West, focused on solutions to the lack of a middle school for Richmond.

Herbert Cole, WCCUSD Superintendent, framed the financial side of the question by indicating, "the real issue for the district is to get our credit rating up in order to be able to realistically propose a bond measure."

The district's credit rating has been an issue since the 1991 bankruptcy; the higher the district's credit rating the lower the interest rate the district would pay on school bonds. Cole believes the voters would support a

school bond measure but that it would have to go beyond a middle school and include financing for necessary renovation work at other school sites throughout the district.

Former Assemblyman Bob Campbell traced the history of school finance in the state of California as it relates to new school construction.

"Proposition 13 set the stage," he said. "In 1982 the state had a \$3 billion deficit in its building fund which has now risen to about \$17 billion."

Lloyd Madden of the NAACP stressed that the key issue is the quality of education at the new middle school. He noted a new middle school would "significantly reduce discipline problems, violence, expulsions and drop outs... our key challenge will be to get the bond issue approved."

Aquacena Lopez, a consultant to the WCCUSD on school financing measures, said the cheapest most effective way to finance a new school would be a general obligation bond measure which would require a 66 percent yes vote for passage. Such a measure would likely propose a fixed level of tax per assessed value of property. "To make it work," she said, "we first need to be able to get a good bond rating and raise voter awareness of the issues involved."

Schools and business

Richmond City Councilman Alex

Evans proposed extending the boundaries of the City of Richmond's redevelopment area to include the Harry Ells site. John Ziezenhenne, Chairman of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, said that "the chamber knows we need a qualified work force to attract business and to keep businesses here—the chamber will work with this group to make this ballot measure happen."

Will the consensus now being evi-



West County School Watch

By Glen Price

denced for a new middle school for Richmond move from the discussion stage to action? Unless the district can upgrade its credit rating, scheduled for review again in May, the question is probably moot. However, given the problems cited by students and educators alike we can't afford to delay.

We have to think creatively and quickly about how to reduce overcrowding and distance to our current middle schools.

A first step would be for the district, perhaps through its existing middle school task force, to lay out a complete case for a new middle school complete with an operations plan which could strengthen community confidence in the district's ability to build and finance the operations of a new middle school. Such a case statement could serve as a lightning rod for continued community discussion of the new middle school and set the stage for a successful bond campaign.

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Albany PTA Council News

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Thursday, March 13, 7 p.m., AMS Library
AMS PTA
Topic: Books for Middle Schoolers: presentation by Margaret Simpson
Contact: Helen Munch, 525-3694

Tuesday, March 18, 7:15 p.m., AMS: room 51
AMS Parent Support Group
Topic: Erika Holmes, former AMS teacher, will be speaking on general teen issues.
Contact: Helen Munch, 525-3694

Tuesday, March 18, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-use Room
Board of Education
Topic: UCB seeking community input on the plan for the University Village at Albany Redevelopment Project

Wednesday, March 19 7:30 p.m., AUSD office
Parent/Superintendent Council Meeting
Topic: Agenda available at AUSD Office
Contact: Your school PTA President

Thursday, March 20, 7 p.m., Cornell Library
Cornell PTA
Contact: Charlie Prins, 526-6243, 527-3301

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, March 20 - 22, AHS Little The-

ater
AHS Musical
Event: AHS presents the musical: "Li'l Abner." The show times are 8 p.m. each night and 2 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets can be reserved by calling AHS or purchased at the box office starting a half hour before each performance. Prices \$8 adults; \$5 students and seniors.
Contact: AHS, 559-6550, ext. 6588

Friday, March 21, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Pleasanton Hilton
EdSource's 20th Anniversary Conference of California's Schools
Contact: Karen Carlson-Olson, 524-7004

Tuesday, March 25 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-use room
Board of Education Meeting
Topic: Agenda available at AUSD Office

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Monday, April 7
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Wednesday, April 9
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Prison inmates practice conflict resolution skills

Diana Bracy was attending a "Rock the Vote" concert when she listened to one activist berating environmentalists for "caring more about trees than about people." As he raged on he made Bracy think, and she realized that he was all wrong. She realized that people who cared about the environment, that people who cared about people — or just people who cared — should be all working together rather than at cross purposes. This was in 1991.

After that Bracy looked for ways to be proactive, to build bridges between people who were different. She became involved with the Alternatives to Violence Project, a non-profit community organization. AVP is an international network of local volunteers who offer workshops in their communities on communications skills and conflict management.

Bracy, an Albany resident, is now involved in AVP's community program and also in its program in the prisons.

AVP's workshops are based on the idea, "that there is something everyone can do as an individual to reduce conflicts and violence, at home, at work, at church, in school and even on the streets."

The workshops are accessible to all educational levels and thrive on the diversity of backgrounds and experiences participants bring. "AVP empowers me to be powerful and kind at once. It gives me simple tools and concepts I can

teach my children," said one participant.

The workshop

How does it work? Generally a maximum of 20 participants begin Friday evening with a variety of interactive exercises focusing on self-esteem, trust-building, cooperation, communication and conflict-resolution skills. By the close of each workshop on Sunday, participants are doing role plays to explore new approaches to conflicts in their lives.

"The results can be inspiring," says Bracy.

The central theme of the program is to seek the best in ourselves and each other. This approach creates opportunities to discover nonviolent resolutions to both common and uncommon situations.

AVP was initiated more than 20 years ago in a collaborative effort between prisoners and Quakers in New York State. Bracy spoke of the program in San Quentin, and the one just beginning in Folsom. She described an occasion at San Quentin where they played a game similar to musical chairs called Alligators and Frogs. One prisoner said, "what a moving experience it is to be trusted." Others said they hadn't played like that in 20 years; another said, "this is my first visitor in 20 years."

In fact, says Bracy, there is a strong sense in the prison that nobody outside cares what happens to them. "Our coming

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



in is a statement that we care. We come in as volunteers."

Many of the inmates made tragic mistakes when they were young, says Bracy. Some are there because they resorted to violence. In fact, she says, more than 60 percent are in prison for killing the man who was battering their mother. Bracy believes this is not an individual problem, but a societal one.

"These are people like everybody else with certain disadvantages," she says.

"We don't separate ourselves," says Bracy. "Volunteers and inmates get the same training. And working with them is an opportunity to share experiences. I am there to learn and be a compassionate and caring person, and I learn from them."

Mentor programs

She also says working with kids as a mentor is exhilarating. There are many programs, pointing to 'Big Brothers' and 'Big Sisters' as two of the best.

When I asked Bracy to talk about her own life, she said that the organization and her work in it is of prime importance. AVP's central theme, she says, is really about expecting and finding the best in others.

Bracy was born in Southern California and "escaped from

Orange County" when she moved up here in 1990. She works with a Western Consortium for Public Health, and also volunteers with a second offender reconciliation program through Catholic Charities. She believes we should "put our energies into programs that can help us solve our own problems and learn to respect each other and ourselves."

AVP is spreading through the country slowly, mostly by word of mouth. The most active group here is in Sonoma, but it is growing throughout the Bay Area.

For each workshop there is a sliding scale donation of \$35 to \$50, but no one without funds is turned away. The only requirements for participation are a commitment to attending the entire weekend and a minimum age of 15.

Interested persons are invited to call Bracy at 524-3665.

I was impressed by the information Bracy sent me, and am glad I followed up on it. An interesting and dedicated person. And, as always, I invite all of you to give me your input: interesting people, events, organizations, travel, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany 94706 or call 525-4585. My email is crgenser@aol.com.

City solicits feedback Albany Hill development

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The issue will be discussed at

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El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

By Pat Berndt

Chamber invites input from Prince's school

March 24

The next luncheon meeting of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce will take place at noon, Monday, March 24, at the Cerrito City Center. An informative program will be presented by guest speakers Executive Director Larry Wade and Director of Planning, David Bullock, coordinator of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce to an English Architectural school founded by Prince Charles.

The chamber's action came in response to news that the London-based Prince of Wales Summer School of Architecture was considering the shopping center as a site for a planning study by some 25 students and professionals in architecture, economics, traffic engineering, and urban planning and design.

Should they accept the chamber's invitation, the Prince of Wales study group is expected to be in El Cerrito during July or August. It has been reported that the study team — half to two-thirds of whom would be American — would devise a plan for redevelopment of the Plaza based on ideas voiced by people in the project area and then present it to the public.

Painting We extend our thanks to all these members.

Invitation to Study Plaza

An invitation to devise a plan for redevelopment of the El Cerrito Plaza has been extended by the Executive Board of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce to an English Architectural school founded by Prince Charles.

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In issuing the invitation, members of the chamber's Executive Board revealed they had reason to believe that Sustainable El Cerrito and a number of neighborhood groups would follow their lead and join in asking the Prince of Wales Institute to come here.

"While some councilmembers have expressed reservations about delaying the redevelopment process," said Chamber Manager Sewall Glinertnick, "the board hopes the city council will also join in asking for their expert advice."

In its letter of invitation, the chamber Executive Board told summer school director Richard John: "While plans for redevelopment of the El Cerrito Plaza are already underway, in the opinion of our Executive Board, any recommendations your group arrived at after studying the situation, would be invaluable in insuring the success of this redevelopment project."

"It is the feeling of our organization that — at this point — the expertise your group offers is this community's only hope of ever putting this project on an economic

cally sound course leading to a bright future for El Cerrito."

The Chamber Executive Board warned John that, at present, the redevelopment program in El Cerrito was highly politicized with many citizens questioning its economic soundness.

"As a result," the chamber wrote John, "you might find the council somewhat reluctant to extend an official invitation to your group. We beg you not to let this influence your decision about coming here. There is nothing unusual about major developments causing public controversy."

"In the highly charged political atmosphere which now exists here, your study group — operating as outside, impartial building and economic urban planners — is what's needed to help make this a project in which people would have confidence."

The Prince of Wales Institute of Architecture, which is reported to also be considering two other East Bay sites, has already held summer sessions in Europe, Virginia and Tennessee.



Newly installed President of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, June Boblitt, right, receives the gavel from immediate Past President Pat Malailua at the Jan. 20 installation dinner.

Free workshop on composting slated for Saturday, March 22

A free home composting workshop is being held on Saturday, March 22, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Center located at 6500 Stockton Street in El Cerrito.

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Guests arriving for the mixer should enter via Gilman Street and proceed to Top of the Hill parking. Entrance is on the parking lot level.

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Out of Gas...



by Karen Senzig

The New Year's Day floods may seem like a while back by now, but a couple of weeks ago in the little town of Isleton in the California Delta, I met some great folks who are still dealing with the disaster and its aftermath.

E. Clampus Vitis has always been there for the "widders & orphans" since the days of the California Goldrush. Twenty years ago, when Scott, on a whim, joined this fraternal order, I thought it was pretty cool if a bit daffy, plus it got us up to up to Downieville in the Northern Sierras more often. It was in that little town of Isleton on the Sacramento River that I discovered what I believe was the true spirit of those original miners who founded ECV to look after the families who lost their loved ones in mining accidents. I found this spirit in the people who live and work at the Hotel Del Rio.

Gary Allen was one of the PBC's (Poor Blind Candidates) being inducted into ECV. Throughout the weekend of "doin's" we discovered that he and his wife

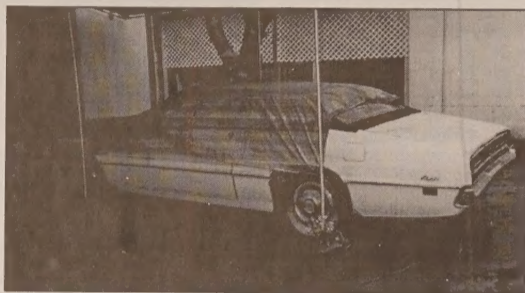
Linda are also one of the many victims who lost their home and car when nearby Ida Island was flooded after a series of storms walloped Northern California. The Allens lived in a modular one

rates of \$50 to \$20 for the evacuees. Next door to the hotel, Patty Karoglon, proprietor of Patty's Cook House, fed breakfast to the victims out of her own pocket for the entire 31 days the vic-

know what a pill they can be.

Gary was quick to point out that he and Linda were fortunate in their dealings with the Red Cross and that not all of their neighbors had favorable results. Some families had their housing allowance cut off after only one week. He said "...that part of the problem is that different Red Cross workers visited the Isleton area at different times. How-to-get-help instructions changed with each group of volunteers. There was no consistency to the instructions," adding that he and his wife were fortunate to have worked with one case worker from Sacramento and that they at least had some partial disaster insurance.

Which led to the question—what happened to his car that was totally submerged? (This is a car column after all.) Fortunately it was their extra car that sunk so they still have wheels. The car was "totaled" and they have decided to donate it to Catholic Charities. I wonder what Catholic Charities will do with a car in this condition. By deadline, I had not received an answer.

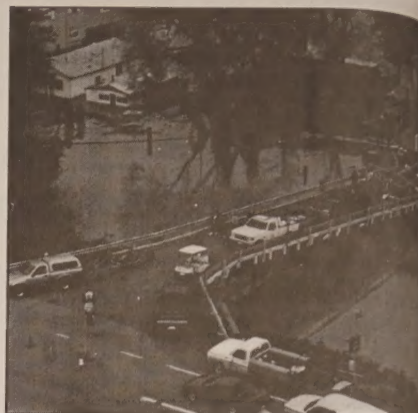


Gary and Linda Allen's car prior to being submerged when the Sacramento River overran its banks January 3, 1997.

story home at Vieira's Resort on the 62 acre island, two miles south of Isleton. On January 3, the Sacramento River overran its banks, flooding more than 50 homes on the island.

Ralph and Charli Hand, owners and operators of the Hotel Del Rio opened their hotel to Gary and Linda as well as 20 other families reducing their daily room

tims stayed at the hotel. The Red Cross covered the bill for the Allens stay at the Hotel Del Rio and came through with a deposit on an apartment and a \$850 check for furniture for the Allens so they would have a more permanent place to stay while their home is being rebuilt. Of course now they are dealing with FEMA and those of us veterans of East Bay disasters



Bridge to Ida Island becomes more like a boat ramp as victims try to salvage some belongings.

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The Israel Center of the Jewish Federation of the Greater East Bay is sponsoring the 15th Annual Israel Education Day on Sunday, March 16 at UC Berkeley. The event will include a series of workshops, as well as a debate titled "Oslo: Hope or Hoax: Can a real peace come to the Middle East?" featuring Morton A. Klien, national president of the Zionist Organization of America and Jonathan S. Kessler, president of his own Washington-based political consulting firm specializing in Middle East public diplomacy. At 3 p.m. Assaf Amdursky and his band will hold their California premier with the performance of popular Israeli music. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. in Boalt Hall Law School, admission is \$23 general, \$17 senior and \$7 student. For more information call 839-2900.

Art and the Making of a Book

The Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery will open an exhibit featuring books created by Abigail Sleeper Jones. The artist's reception will take place on Sun., Mar. 16 from 4-6 pm. The show will run through June 9. The exhibit features Jones' second limited edition book project, and serves as an educational as well as a visual display. Jones has worked in the medium for thirteen years and has received multiple awards for her work. Applications for artist who want to be considered for future exhibits are available at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. For more information, call 524-9283.



Abigail Sleeper Jones' work will be at the Foyer Gallery.

National Traditional Orchestra of China

Ancient music and contemporary compositions alike come to life on the National Traditional Orchestra of China at Zellerbach Hall on the UC Berkeley campus. This part of the orchestra's North American debut tour will begin on Tues., Mar. 18 at 8 pm. The NTOC will feature the best of its canon—ancient songs from the third millennium B.C. arranged for full orchestra and 20th century work written for the orchestra. The NTOC performs on native instruments, some of which originated more than a thousand years ago. Some of the instruments are bowed string instruments, plucked instruments, and a struck stringed instrument, while some winds include a bamboo flute and a multi-mouth organ. One of the featured musicians of the evening will be cellist, Hai-Ye. He is the youngest person to take the first prize award at the Namburg International Cello Competition and her performances have been broadcast on National Public radio and ABC television news magazine. For more information, call 642-9988.

Spirit, Community and Justice

Four leading religious mentors will come together in Berkeley to discuss growing concerns about the spiritual welfare of our society on Sat., Mar. 19 at 7:30 pm. This benefit for KPFA radio will be held at King Middle School, 1781 Rose St. in North Berkeley. The featured religious leaders are the Rev. Amos C. Brown from the Baptist church, Jetsun Kusho, a leading Tibetan Buddhist female lama, Rabbi Michael Lerner, author of *Jewish Renewal* and *The Politics of Meaning*, and Huston Smith, UC Berkeley professor of world religions. Admission is \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. For more information, call 848-6767 ext. 611.

Environmental legislative symposium

Bay Area legislators have sponsored, supported and passed laws which preserve California's natural environment. Now, has growth in environmentally friendly regions of the state eroded the Bay Area's political clout? How do demographic changes shift political power bases that affect environmental issues? These issues and more will be discussed at *Emerging Threats to the Bay Area*, a Planning and Conservation League Symposium on Sat., Mar. 15 in Berkeley. The conference will feature keynote addresses by US Senator Barbara Boxer, Assembly Speaker Cruz Bustamonte, and Senate Pro Tem Bill Lockyer at the Berkeley Conference Center, 1015 Bancroft Way in Berkeley. Registration with meals is \$60, \$20 without. For more information, call Jamie Phillips at 916/444-8726.

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Hearing the Dance, Seeing the Music

By Carol Egan

One of the greatest pleasures in attending a Mark Morris Dance Company concert is hearing the music he uses as accompaniment for his dances. Its variety and range is enormous. The recent performances at Zellerbach proved no exception to this rule. It was an equal feast for the ear as well as the eye.

Morris, unquestionably one of the most musical choreographers of his time, draws his inspiration from music. He often "lives" with a score for several years before beginning to create a dance. Morris was one of several artists recently commissioned to work on a film series with Yo-Yo Ma, the world's leading cellist. The series, entitled "Inspired by Bach," features J.S. Bach's Suites for Unaccompanied Cello. Morris' section, "Falling Down Stairs," was choreographed to the Third Suite for Unaccompanied Cello.

This work, premiered in its stage version at Zellerbach last week, opened the program. Casually attired, Yo-Yo Ma took his place on the stage apron, far to the left side, and proceeded to play. The Mark Morris Dance Company, dancing to the mellifluous tones of Ma's 18th century Italian instrument (he alternately uses a 1733 Mantagnana and a 1712



The Mark Morris Dance Co. performs the premiere of *A Spell* this weekend at Zellerbach Hall.

Stradivarius), matched the complexity and clarity of the Bach score measure for measure. The sum was truly greater than its parts, leaving a sense of awe and wonder, not unlike having experienced a revelation.

A single set piece (a triangular riser center stage) leads the eye to the infinite horizon or, when occupied by dancers, to the heights above. Thanks to the exquisite lighting designed by Michael Chybowski, the

dancers, clothed in richly-colored velvet robes of varying lengths (costumes by Isaac Mizrahi) seem to have stepped out of a stained glass window or illuminated manuscript.

Morris, who saucily refers to himself as "The Queen of Structure," once again proved that he still occupies the throne. With 15 dancers he painted a universe created by and existing for the Bach music. It was a clear case of being able to see the

music and hear the dance, from the initial arpeggio of notes, which impels the dancers from their opening architectural pose on the riser, to descend like water cascading down a fall, to the mass "exeunt running" ending, not one movement or gesture seemed misplaced.

Morris finds dramatic suspense

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Bonet shines at Speakeasy Theatre

By Carol Egan

One of Berkeley's newer institutions, The Speakeasy Theatre, is a collective of theatre artists devoted to developing and presenting new plays and solo performance pieces. Since its opening in October 1995 it has presented artists such as Octavio Solis, Anne Galjour, and Josh Kornbluth. Its latest offering, which opened last week and continues through March 23, is a solo performance piece written and performed by Wilma Bonet. Entitled "Good Grief, Lolita!" it is

the story of Bonet's daughter (Lolita), whose life was cut short by cystic fibrosis.

Bonet is well known to Bay Area theatre-goers for her participation in many local productions. She has been seen with the San Francisco Mime Troupe, The Berkeley Repertory Theatre, El Teatro Campesino, and the California Shakespeare Festival, to name but a few.

For this occasion, however, Bonet is the creative hand behind the scenes as well as on stage. The play, a very personal and poignant one, tells the story of her young

daughter's struggle with cystic fibrosis, ending with her death at age seven. With very simple means (the single set and costume were designed by Erica Tanov and Jessica Fish) Bonet creates a variety of characters, evolving from one to the other with a simple change of lighting, sharp turn, or other theatrical device. The effective lighting is by Lawrence James. The production is further enriched by the presence of Al Guzman on percussion. Musical interludes include a song, dance and fantastic story about dancing in the forest. Additional sound design is by

David Allen, Jr.

Bonet is a charismatic performer with a great talent for character work. Her voice and body can change gear within seconds, moving from the loud and insistent Lolita to the Puerto Rican Tia Maria, from the unemotional doctor delivering the fatal diagnosis to the old grandmother telling tales from her youth. As a storyteller, she is superb. As a playwright, less so. There is much lyricism and humor in the script, and Bonet

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Author shares the magic and mystery of spices

By Nina Wu

Chitra Divakaruni, an award-winning poet and professor of creative writing at Foothill College, was thinking about a story even while lying in the hospital, recovering from the birth of her second baby.

"I was very sick and under a pain medication," she said. "It was a state of being between waking and sleeping. And then I got a very strong image of this woman, who was a healer in a spice shop, who could evolve back and forth between life and death."

The woman healer in Divakaruni's mind later emerged as Tilo, the protagonist of her latest novel, *Mistress of Spices*. Tilo is a mistress hidden in an old woman's body. Her mission is to select spices for the ailments — both physical and spiritual — of those who visit her shop, located in the inner city of Oakland.

"I've always loved spice shops and

other ethnic food shops," Divakaruni said. "I think something so central to culture is in those places." Divakaruni chose to set the story in Oakland for a specific reason. "I think Oakland is an undervalued city," she said. "Yet Oakland has such a rich diversity of lifestyles. I wanted to write a novel that describes the specialness of the people who live there."

Born in Calcutta, Divakaruni, 40, first came to the United States in 1977 to attend graduate school in Dayton, Ohio because she had a brother who lived there. "It was a big culture shock," she said. "At that time, about 20 years ago, there weren't



See SPICES, page 10 Chitra Divakaruni

It's good fun for bad taste

Private Parts a vulgar parody
By Renata Poll

Consumer alert: Do not go to see *Private Parts*, "shock jock" Howard Stern's autobiographical film, if you object to profanity and nudity, bathroom or sex humor (including penis and breast jokes), jokes about lesbians or minorities, yuks about God, death, or cancer — in short, if you have good taste.

Me? I guess I have bad taste. I really enjoyed *Private Parts*, though, as an exploration of character, it doesn't quite rank up there with *Madame Bovary* or any novel by Henry James. As for subtlety—well, forget it. The operative word, I'd say, is vulgarity.

Private Parts — the title itself gives you an idea, although no actual private parts are shown — is based on Stern's best-selling 1993 autobiography. Howard Stern, for those of you who've been in India working with Mother Teresa all these years, is the nation's No. 1-rated syndi-



Howard Stern (left) and his engineer Fred Norris portray themselves in the early 80's at a radio station in Washington D.C.

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Dance

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and incredible structural density in the music of most Baroque composers, many of whom he has used repeatedly over the years. In Joan Acocella's biography, she quotes Morris as saying, "Bach's music sounds to me pretty close to a perfect thing, a perfect system." Morris' choreography strives, and often achieves, the same effect.

The alternating large and small group sections offer a richness of motifs and imagery that can hardly be assimilated in one sitting. Like many of Balanchine's works, this is a dance which deserves repeated viewing. Themes and counterthemes intertwine, a tapestry of canonic activity presents itself, to be replaced by large unison sections. As always with Morris' dances, the emphasis is not on technical virtuosity but a natural style of movement enhanced by a very sophisticated gestural vocabulary. Many elements of his early training as a folk dancer can still be seen in his use of lines and chains, intricate foot patterns and lifting and curving torsos. The impression is one of sensual kinetics. The result is it makes you want to dance, too.

Despite his assessment of Bach as "God's favorite composer," Morris has not created a religious dance in any traditional sense. The upraised arms at the beginning and end of the dance seem to be more defiant than placating. And rather than ascend to the heavenly spheres, in the end the dancers stridently run offstage. There is also a clever interlude on the risers where nine dancers do a playful "hand dance" which begins and ends with folded prayer hands.

As a sharp contrast to "Falling Down Stairs," Morris' 1994 "The Office," choreographed to "Five Bagatelles for String Trio and Harmonium, Op. 47" by Antonin Dvorak contributed a much more somber tone, despite the apparent lightness and effervescence of the score. Clothed in casual office garb (costumes by June Omura), the dancers were seated on chairs as the curtain rose.

One suspected trouble from the beginning, when Morris himself (who did not dance in the first piece) entered and led his five fellow dancers in a simple line dance (again the folk dance influence), occasionally sending furtive looks backward and at each other. As the section concluded, a stern looking secretary appeared from the wings and led one of the dancers off.

Throughout the work each section culminated with the secretary's appearance and a co-worker's disappearance. The next to last section, a delirious duet filled with fast footwork and rapid spins, ignored the impending doom. Finally, when only one dancer remained, she simply sat, as if to say, "Without a community there is no dance."

The delightful score was performed to perfection by Yo-Yo Ma joined by violinists Ian Swensen and Nicholas Lozovsky and Linda

Dowdell on the harmonium. For this and the final dance, the musicians — all soloists in their own right — assumed their customary places "in the pit."

The final work on the program, a world premiere to a commissioned score by Lou Harrison, was less successful. Despite many outstanding moments, both choreographically and compositionally, "Rhymes with Silver" was too long. Here was a case where the sum was not as good as several of its parts. Perhaps with time Morris will solve some of the work's existing problems. He might begin by replacing the costumes and the unattractive and distracting set.

Once again the musical performance was extraordinary. Joining Yo-Yo Ma in the pit for this work were William Winant (percussion), Ian Swensen (violin), Geraldine Walther (viola) and Linda Dowdell (piano).

Program Two in the Mark Morris Dance Company's Berkeley season opens tonight and continues through Sunday afternoon at Zellerbach. Evening performances are at 8 p.m. and the Sunday matinee takes place at 3 p.m. Joined by the Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra, UC Chamber Chorus and Sausalito String Quartet, these performances promise to be equally exciting. Repertory works on the program are "A Lake" (Haydn), "A Spell" (John Wilson), "Mosaic and United" (Henry Cowell) and "Gloria" (Vivaldi).



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any other Indians living there and when I wore my Indian clothes out onto the street, people would stop their cars and stare."

So she "escaped to California," where she received a ph.D. in English literature from UC Berkeley in 1984. The seven years she spent living in Berkeley were a time of much growth and creativity. It was here that she first became part of a poetry group.

"I think I really became very much aware of my own culture as I was coming into contact with so many other cultures," she said. "It gave me perspective on India and it also gave me a need and desire to write about my bicultural experiences."

She wrote her dissertation on Christopher Marlowe, but said that today, she enjoys teaching multicultural literature the most.

Divakaruni's novel is inspired by the native fairy tales and fables of India she grew up with. "I had a

grandfather I was very fortunate to have because he would be telling me stories all the time. My mother would also tell me stories all the time," she said.

The novel is written in a musical, Bengali rhythm (Divakaruni's native language). It is full of rich imagery, a sense of magic and spices that come to life. The spices not only have the power to heal, but they speak to Tilo and play tricks on her. At times, Divakaruni blends poetry with prose. Always, the rhythm plunges the reader forward into a story as enchanting as the spices:

Says Tilo, "Each spice has a day special to it. For turmeric it is Sunday, when light drips fat and butter-colored into the bins to be soaked up glowing, when you pray to the nine planets for love and luck... When I hold it in my hands, the spice speaks to me. Its voice is like evening, like the beginning of the world..."

"I was attempting something new with the style," Divakaruni said. "I was trying to break the barrier that exists in the west be-

tween fiction and poetry. Tilo has a strong voice that comes through naturally."

The novel addresses many of the issues relevant to contemporary life in the Bay Area — the immigrant experience, interracial relationships, racism and domestic violence.

As the mother of two boys, aged 2 and 5, Divakaruni addresses the struggle of growing up in two cultures. "Certainly, I wanted to touch on the subject of how for our children here, it is difficult," she said.

Divakaruni is also one of the founders of MAITRI, a South Asian women's domestic violence help line in the Bay Area which provides services in at least 15 South Asian languages. She and a few friends started the help line because they were concerned about the lack of resources for the special needs of South Asian women.

"A lot of times in India, women are used to a large support system of friends and relatives," she said. "When you come to America, you don't have that anymore. So we're like an extended family."

Through the relationship of Tilo

and Raven, "a lonely American woman," Divakaruni explores the relationship between the eastern and western cultures and the myths that surround them.

"I think there is a definite typing of other cultures as mysterious and that's not true," she said. "We need to see people as people, just like ourselves."

Like Tilo, Divakaruni has a rebellious streak. She was the first one in her family to pursue a writing career.

"For many years, I had been incited with the concept of freedom for its reputation of freedom, independence," she said. "But my conceptions were what immigrants have — that the land of plenty and opportunity that's true, but there are also problems."

Divakaruni was awarded PEN Oakland Josephine Miles Award for Fiction for her short story collection, "Arranged Marriage," in 1995. She has also won prizes for her poetry and is now working on another novel.

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OUT AND ABOUT
By Frosene

"Are you writing a farewell column?" These are the words that haunted me all week long from my colleagues here at the Hills papers. Farewell. How does one go about bidding farewell? The seems so simple yet it is filled with so much.

For the past three and a half plus years I have had the opportunity to provide you, dear readers, with a variety of delicious tips and advice for you to contemplate, savor and enjoy. You let me know when you heard some terrific music or found an interesting restaurant. You let me for recommendations when you needed a place to take your special friend. You reminded me that you followed my father's wish his "Night Sounds" column at the Oakland Tribune and shared me. And, I loved it.

"Are you writing a farewell column?" It repeats in my head. What this is about? Denial is difficult in print. But, farewell it is. "Change can be good." More haunting words administered in the hallway. "Change can be good." I repeat the words over and over, temptation of life's abundant challenges has crept into my being and yes, I am bidding farewell.

This space has become my companion and while it is difficult ways, I like to think it has been warmed up with restaurant and entertainment energy — an area that is refreshing and necessary for the man spirit. As I pass the torch to embark in a related arena, I leave with appreciation and a quote from Washington Irving that sums up intent.

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theatre

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...worked hard to paths. Despite her ef- however, the piece retains the clinical character.

...performers have long creating work from per- experiences. Bonet's story seems more dramatic than others. Although the cre-

ation of this work undoubtedly served a therapeutic function in her life, it remains weak as a play. Obviously, it is meant as a vehicle for expression by Bonet alone. However, witnessing her talents as an actress is well worth the price of admission itself.

The Speakeasy Theatre is located at 2016 Seventh Street, just south of University Avenue. Tickets are \$10 to \$15 and can be reserved by calling 845-4100.

Stern

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The movie is told in flashback style. On a plane, Stern, playing himself, is seated next to a good-looking woman (Carol Alt) who's repelled by him. In order to change her opinion, Stern relates the story of his life. Alt, of course, stands in for all of us, who may be turned off by Stern's antics and whose opinions he's out to massage.

In an early, very funny scene, a sex-obsessed adolescent Howard (played by Michael Maccarone) gets himself in trouble by putting

on a sexually explicit puppet show for a group of sleepy senior citizens.

Later, in college, he can't even get to first base: One look and the girls turn him down. Even a blind girl, after feeling his face, rejects him. What's refreshing about all this is that Stern, far from sniveling with self-pity, candidly presents himself as a complete schmuck. It's hard not to like a person who takes such a self-critical stance. Self-obsessed—yes. Vain—no.

Stern's fortunes change when he meets the lovely Alison (Mary McCormack), gets a job, and persuades Alison to marry him. His love of his wife and his fidelity to her are as important a theme in the movie as his rise to media stardom. There's little depth to the Alison character, but she's nothing if not likable.

Stern's luck continues to improve as he moves from station to station. Hired to work in Wash-

ington, D.C., he decides he's been too tame on air; from now on, he'll let it all hang out, including descriptions of his penis and his married life (Alison is not amused) and a running line of banter with his straightwoman, newscaster Robin Quivers (played by herself).

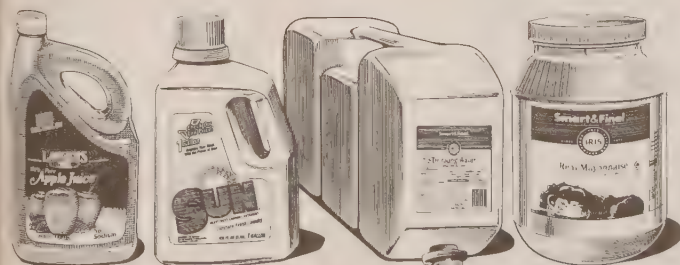
When Stern really strikes it rich, invited to come to NBC in New York, the film loses some of its steam. The station bosses, especially station manager Kenny (Paul Giamatti), are too stereotypically bad guys — puritanical, humorless, materialistic — compared to Stern's wild and crazy hero, someone who knows what the people want and lets them have it, right in the face, if need be.

Howard Stern is, if nothing else, an original, and if *Private Parts* doesn't add up to a wildly original film, it's still good, dirty fun. Oh, and don't leave before the final credits.

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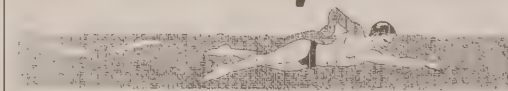
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Producers - 6 p.m.; 11:30 p.m.

A Boy & His Dog - 6:30 p.m.

UC Berkeley Graduate

School of Journalism: CNS

News - 7:30 p.m.

Video Feedback: Arts &

Politics - 8 p.m.

XTV (experimental tv) -

8:30 p.m.

Voces del Campo - 9:30 p.m.

This is India - 10:30 p.m.

On The Move - 11 p.m.

Friday March 14, 1997

First Time Access

Producers - 6 p.m.; 11:30 p.m.

Dance Chance - 6:30 p.m.

Video Pal Italia: Easter in

Italy Part 2 - 7 p.m.

Wee Poets - 7:30 p.m.

A Touch of A Poet (episode

8) - 8 p.m.

Bay Area Country Videos -

8:30 p.m.

The GOOD News - 9:30 p.m.

Radical Access - 10:30 p.m.

Berkeley Bargain Basement

- 11 p.m.

Saturday March 15, 1997

Who's In My Kitchen? - 6 p.m.

On The Move - 6:30 p.m.

The Coffeehouse: Steve

Lucky & The Rhumba

Bums - 7 p.m.

Bay Views - 7:30 p.m.

A Little Latin Music - 8:30 p.m.

A Boy & His Dog - 10 p.m.

Live with Rick Sylvain - 11 p.m.

Video Rock Central - 11:30 p.m.

Sunday March 16, 1997

Joint BUSD & City Council

Meeting (repeat from 3/11/

97) - 9 a.m.

BUSD Community Budget

Workshop (repeat from 3/

12/97) - 1 p.m.

First Time Access

Producers - 6 p.m.; 11:30 p.m.

Race Relations in the 90's -

7 p.m.

Festival by the Lake: Najee

- 8:30 p.m.

The GOOD News - 9 p.m.

Culture Shock - 11 p.m.

Monday March 17, 1997

First Time Access

Producers - 6 p.m.

Mystic Cross - 6:30 p.m.

Berkeley Rent Stabilization

Board Meeting (LIVE) - 7 p.m.

Tuesday March 18, 1997

First Time Access

Producers - 6 p.m.

Berkeley City Council

Meeting (LIVE) - 7 p.m.

Wednesday March 19, 1997

Live From Berkeley High

(LIVE) - 11 a.m.

First Time Access

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Jackets drive toward state title



Girls at home in semis tonight against Oakland rival Skyline

By Mac Montandon

You didn't have to consult Nostradamus before Tuesday night's NorCal's first round contest between the No. 1 seeded Berkeley girls basketball team and Florin of

NorCal Girls Basketball Division I First round

Berkeley
68
Florin (Sacramento)
30

Sacramento, to anticipate the game's outcome. With its best player, forward Ekuah Ramsey, ineligible, Florin had no one to match the inside force of Berkeley's Shavaki Jackson, as the Jackets sped to a first round Division I home victory, 68-30.

The Yellowjackets are at home again Thursday night at 7:30 in the semifinals against Oakland rival Skyline (21-4), which defeated San Francisco's Washington.

Even with Ramsey, there was probably not much chance for the much smaller, much less athletic Lady Panthers (24-8), against a Berkeley team on a serious roll toward the state title.

The Jackets (26-3) made steals

early and often out of their aggressive press, quickly converting at the other end. It was 8-0 two minutes in, and 26-11 after one period.

Coach Gene Nakamura was able to rest his starters for most of the final period.

Jackson led the Jackets with 25 points, 13 rebounds and five steals. The 6-4 center outscored Florin, 17-16, in the first half. Aisha Hollans added 13 points, Coriel Davis 10, and Pashen Bagsby



Coriel Davis drives against Monte Vista in NorCal title game last week.

NorCal Hoop Pairings

GIRLS

Semifinal

Thursday

No. 4 Skyline (22-4) at No. 1 Berkeley, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Monte Vista at Fairfield 7:30 p.m.

Finals

Saturday

Semifinal winners at Arco Arena, Sacramento, 6:30 p.m.

eight, including a spectacular coast-to-coast, juking, double-clutching lay-in that provided the home crowd with the biggest thrill of the night.

"They didn't have an answer for anybody," Nakamura said. "We're a much more athletic team than they are."

Berkeley was home for the NorCals after winning twice last week to capture the four-team North Coast Sectionals.

Nakamura's squad knocked off Antioch, 61-50, in a tense first-round match, before handling East Bay Athletic League rival Monte Vista somewhat easily, 55-31, in the championship.

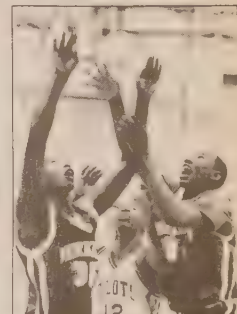
Jacket boys season comes to an end

The Berkeley High boys basketball team didn't fare as well last week after drawing No. 1 seed St. Joe's in the first round of the NCS tournament. Pilot pressure and a balanced scoring attack enabled the 82-52 St. Joe victory.

The Jackets finished the season 16-11, a bit of a disappointment for a team many thought might compete with the best in the area.

Still, they should be fine next year when three sophomores — Perry Pugh, Justin Davis, and D'Marcus Thompson return to form the nucleus of a potentially explosive club.

— Mac Montandon



Berkeley's season seemed to have stopped in mid-air against St. Joe.

Panthers, Gauchos hoop post-mortem

Mary's, El Cerrito's coaches optimistic about next season

John Gardella

Coaches expected their teams to advance further than they did in the NorCal Division I playoffs. Neither Jose Caraballo, El Cerrito's coach, nor Chris Huber, his counterpart at St. Mary's, is disappointed with the way his respective teams played.

Caraballo's Panthers lost in the second round of the North Coast Section Division I playoffs. It turned out to be a tough game as host Mt. Diablo routed SM, 89-57.

In the process, Caraballo got into an argument with the referee. A freshman guard Eddie Jones was removed on a stretcher after a concussion after a blind-side shot.

In just his second year as coach, Caraballo saw his team win the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League Powerhouse Division I championship title and advanced to the state championship.

Caraballo also saw Brendan Cook, the team's 6-foot-7 senior, emerge as a force.

Caraballo is very proud of the way his team improved throughout the playoffs.

Good news for Caraballo is that a large portion of the team is very young. Billy Heidi, a freshman, hit 3-pointers in his first year. Heidi was

an honorable mention all-league pick, as was backcourt mate Marlin White-Kelly, a sophomore. The team's most improved player was sophomore Kellen Dixon.

"I think we'll have better chemistry next year," said Caraballo. "This team will be very coachable."

Huber also returns a bunch of talent, and figures to start at least three juniors next season.

The Gauchos advanced to the second round of the NCS Div. III playoffs before falling to Arcata, 50-45. Huber's squad played most of the league season without its starting point guard Jamal Jones because of academic problems.

It ended the season without its two guard, Jamaal Bennett (out with an injury). Still, the team performed well with several talented sophomores playing big minutes.

The team's Most Valuable Player was also its only all-league pick. Jovan Harris was Mr. Everything for Huber and the Gauchos. The southpaw (21 points against Arcata) can play point, the wing and post up his defender.

"Jovan was our most consistent player, our most valuable player," Huber said.

With soon-to-be juniors Emonte Jernigan, Andrew Gooden and Jeremiah King, El Cerrito has the makings of a powerhouse.



St. Mary's Brendan Cook emerged as a force in the middle this season for the Panthers.

Albany YMCA offering baseball clinic this month

Albany YMCA is offering a basketball clinic for 3rd- to 8th-graders March 20. Players will be taught strategies including dribbling, passing, shooting, defense, and team play.

Try outs will be held Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, March 18 and 20. For grades 3rd to 5th, tryouts are at 3:30 to 4:45, and for 6th- to 8th-graders times are 4:45 to 6.

Co-ed players with all skill levels and abilities are encouraged to sign up. Team and league schedules will be announced March 25.

Basketball coach Don Arreola-Burl has coached and coordinated co-ed basketball league teams for the Albany and Berkeley YMCA's for a number of years.

Financial assistance is available. For more information call 525-1130.

Panthers kicking opposition silly

SM may be a factor in ACCAL

By John Gardella

It was the kind of score the football team could appreciate.

The St. Mary's High baseball team beat Novato Saturday, 30-6. As in three touchdowns and a field goal 30-6.

"We hit the ball well," deadpanned coach Andy Shimabakuro.

The Panthers improved their preseason mark to 5-2, and all indications are that Shimabakuro's squad has the sticks to make some noise in the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League this season.

Ben Gerbacio continued his hot hitting, going 3-for-5 with two RBIs. James Cullen drove in three. Every starter drove in at least one run.

The previous day, the Panthers showed they can come back in games. Against Campolindo, the Panthers trailed, 5-3, in the seventh, when SM scored eight times, winning 11-8.

Gerbacio had two doubles and

two RBIs in that inning.

One of the team's biggest surprises has been the hitting of second baseman Pooya Sohi.

"Pooya's hitting all over the place right now," his coach said.

Except for pitcher Derrick Phillips (2-0), however, the Panthers' rotation has been shaky.

The pitching has been a little iffy for us," Shimabakuro said. "But at least we are not walking anyone."

As is the case with most SM teams, the defense has sparked. The Panthers have committed just nine miscues in seven games.

The Panthers get tested Friday when they play El Cerrito in a non-league game at SM.

"If we can get some pitching, we'll be all right," said Shimabakuro.

Baseball

St. Mary's
30
Novato
6

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Albany athlete has alternatives to furthering education

Emeryville's 'Athletes in Touch' program guiding student-athletes toward college

By Mac Montandon

Last spring Albany senior Bruce Roberts attended his first "Athletes in Touch" meeting, and remembers being asked to jot down three "dream schools" he wanted to attend after graduating this June. Roberts listed Cal, UC Davis and UC Santa Cruz.

A year later, the three-sport player has narrowed his choices to two: Iowa Wesleyan and Central Methodist.

Before a football coach from his Albany team told him about AIT, Roberts had never heard of either school that he is now considering. The chance to play as a freshman as well as impressive claims about graduating their athletes, AIT made the smaller schools seem highly appealing to Roberts.

"It's a toss up right now," the soft-spoken Roberts said about which school he is leaning toward. "Both schools have

a lot of freshmen on their teams. They don't really recruit a lot, so the freshmen get a good chance to play. At the larger schools, you don't really play that much your first couple of years."

Fond way to AIT

Roberts may never have played college sports at all if he hadn't first found his way to Emeryville and AIT. Begun publicly in 1995 by local accountant Michael Bobino, AIT exposes student-athletes to scholastic opportunities.

"We try to teach the kids it's not what school you go to, but what you do when you get to that school," said AIT assistant executive director Richard Rogers. "We want to get them in the mind-set that if you don't have the education, you're not going to make it on the playing field, especially at the next level."

To reach the collegiate level, Bobino and his staff make it immediately clear that dedication is perhaps the most crucial element

for insuring a successful student-AIT relationship. As Roberts indicated, this requirement manifests itself in obvious ways.

AIT offers two sessions, a three-month spring study hall and tutoring session which meet every week night, followed by a summer camp

if he also spent the spring with AIT. Its not often one can get twice as much for half the price.

More studying

Roberts said many students drop out of the program during the first couple of weeks in the spring,

it went along, and I kept going. I could see it was different from other tutoring. If I had a math problem I couldn't figure out, Mike (Bobino) would come over and put the problem on the board, and everyone would work on it together."

By the end of the spring session, Roberts said the class size had been reduced to a small, loyal group where each student received one-on-one tutoring regularly.

Study breaks were filled by guest speakers, as Bobino enlisted the services of athletes and friends he had met throughout his football playing days at Oakland High, Langston College (Oklahoma) and in the Canadian Football League with the B.C. Lions. Roberts said most of these talks ended with the same message: work hard, be realistic about your goals.

Small schools represented

Representatives from many of the lesser-known schools also make consistent showings at

Bobino's camp. Wesleyan and Central Methodist came calling, at the time he was listening.

"I'll still play wide receiver," said Roberts, who is 5-foot-10, 160 pounds, and has been asked if his relatively small size will affect his future position for all his diverse talents, Roberts seemed interested in finding out the other side of students at Iowa and Methodist.

"The representatives said they would be students graduate from these schools do that," he said. "A lot of school athletes in sorry, can help them at all, but these schools do that."

This is the notion to inspire other students, Roberts' steady presence in Emeryville to Iowa Wesleyan.

"Bruce is probably an example for our school," Rogers said. "He knows they are academics."

'We try to teach the kids it's not what school you go to, but what you do once you get to that school.'

RICHARD ROGERS, AIT ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

where athletes work on their sports skills.

While involved with AIT, students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5. Players may attend only the summer session at Emeryville, but there is more than an academic incentive for going in the spring as well. The fee for summer-only participants is \$50, or double what a player might pay

when a full day of school and practice leads straight to two more hours of studying. He admits to having initial doubts himself.

But as he persevered, the starter on Albany's football, basketball and baseball teams said he recognized how AIT's tutoring was helping his performance in school.

"At first, I really wasn't sure what to expect," Roberts said. "As

CAL DIGEST

13 swimmers to NCAAs

The No. 6 Cal men's swimming team (7-2) placed fourth at the Pac-10 Championships last weekend in Long Beach. The Bears finished with 486 points, trailing Stanford (850), USC (765) and Arizona (575).

Highlights included junior captain Bart Sikora capturing the 400 IM Pac-10 title with a time of 3:47.79. Other bright spots were sophomore Gordan Kozulj, who broke a school record in the 200 back with a time of 1:42.80, yet finished second to USC's Lenny Krayzelburg, who swam a 1:40.59, setting a new Pac-10 record by two seconds.

"Basically, each day we got better," said coach Nort Thornton. "We ended up OK, but it could have been better."

Cal has already qualified 13 swimmers for the NCAA Championship, March 27-29 in Minneapolis. Thornton's squad is hoping to improve on last year's 13th place finish and be among the top five teams in the country for the 12th time in the veteran coach's 23-year career.

UCLA upends Cal's women's water polo team

The defending national champion UCLA Bruins defeated Cal's women's water polo team, 7-5, last Thursday at Spieker Aquatics Complex.

The Bears led the Bruins, 3-1, going into the second quarter, but were outscored, 4-2, after UCLA's Molly Barnes tied the match with 56 seconds left in the half.

It was a rematch of the 1996 National Championship when Cal and UCLA faced off for the title, with the Bruins winning, 8-4.

The leading scorer for the Bears was two meter junior Alisa von

Hartitzsch, who tallied three goals, which marked her 35th goal this season.

Rugbers don't suffer deja vu.

Cal's rugby squad wrenched the Scrum Axe back from Stanford Sunday, fighting off a second half Cardinal rally to win, 41-24, at the Farm.

Cal started strong with three tries in the first 20 minutes of the match, and swapped tries with Stanford in the remainder of the half to lead by 19 points at the break. But it was Stanford's turn for a strong start in the second period.

The Cardinal scored two converted tries to narrow the Golden Bears' lead to only five. However, Cal captain and fly half Kevin Dalzell said the team was confident it could win even during the Cardinal comeback: "We came out flat in the second half and just hung on for the first 20 minutes. We had some bad field position and we were stuck."

It was almost deja vu for the Bears who saw another 19-point lead evaporate in a loss to the University of British Columbia earlier in the season. Dalzell, who kicked three conversions, said that game was on the Bears' minds at the half: "We vowed to ourselves that it wouldn't happen again."

Unlike the loss to B.C., Cal was able to regroup with another three tries in the last 20 minutes of the match Sunday.

"We had to return to basics when they got their little runs," said Cal No. 8 Scot Yungling who played despite a chipped clavicle. "They dictated play a little bit," added flanker John Taylor, "but once we found our pattern, we dominated."

Cal certainly dominated from set

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Albany's Taguchi wins USTA tourney in Carmel

Albany Middle School 8th-grader Amy Taguchi, 13, recently won the U.S. Tennis Association Carmel Valley Racquet Club Super Series championship in the 14-year-old girls singles division. About 350 players entered the tournament, which was also held in Pebble Beach and Monterey. The final, on the main court in Carmel Valley, pitted Taguchi against Christina Riviello of Gold River. The first game, in the first set was 1-1, then 2-2, 3-3, and 4-4. Finally, the Albany resident took charge and slipped by Riviello to clinch the final set, 6-4. In the second set, Taguchi lead 5-3, but the Gold River player came back to even the score to 5-5, and 6-6, and then went on to a tie-break game. Taguchi then pulled her game together, and took the tie break at 7-3. Taguchi beat Jennifer Tsay of San Jose, 6-1, 6-0, in the quarterfinal and beat Erica Lee of Carmel, 6-3, 6-2, in the semifinal in Pebble.

Who Said Harmon Closed? event to

By Elaine Merrill

False alarm. Harmon closed.

Sports fans who chance to say goodbye to the landmark facility, to show up there Saturday's viewing of the day's event, followed by opening at 8:30 a.m.

The morning session of the competition at all times in Poomse, a set of stylized sequences against opponents. Gyorogoi, fighting, is slated for noon, with competition green belt (intermediate) black belt (advanced).

Taekwondo, which means "the way of fist fighting," is a full-contact sport with legal Gyorogoi include kicks to the legs and ribs, as well as punches to the body.

While all competitors wear armor and helmets, often absorb fierce attacks send them sprawling.

Taekwondo places emphasis on flexibility, precisely executed techniques. It is used as a self defense, physical conditioning, recreation and discipline. It also makes for viewing, with powerful punches that emphasize action, endurance, sportsmanship.

Taekwondo, a martial arts tradition dating back 2,000 years, is scheduled to come an Olympic full-time beginning with the 2000 Olympic Games to be Sydney, Australia.

Saturday's competition all day, concluding with presentation of awards and closing ceremonies at 8 p.m.

Advance ticket prices from \$3 to \$5, and \$5 to \$10. Further information available at 642-3268 or server.berkeley.edu

Nominate Hills' top Athlete of the Month

Beginning last month, Hills Newspapers began a new feature — Athlete of the Month. We will select, with your help, the area's best girl and boy athlete — from both the preps and youth ranks — each month. Send us your nominees. Athletic feats, as well as academic achievement, are among the two criteria we will use to select our top stars.

Send us your choice and tell us why they deserve to be Hills' Athlete of the Month. Our editor and writers will then select those athletes we believe best deserve to be awarded this accolade.

Fax your nominations to Hills Sports, 339-4066, or mail to 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland 94619.

Bears' frustration at boiling point

By John Gardella

With lowered expectations and rankings, this season was supposed to be pressure-free for the Cal baseball team.

Guess what? Pressure's mounting.

Although Tuesday's 1-0 win at home over Santa Clara snapped a three-game losing streak, the Golden Bears are still winless in the Six-Pac.

Cal started badly in league play (11-15, 0-6 Six-Pac) when they opened the season in Arizona, playing a team they beat 6-of-6 times last season.

Call it pay back. Call it a slump. Call it an Arizona sweep, as the Bears lost all three games, while their losing streak reached five games. At home last weekend against USC, the Bears scored runs (14) without getting any W's.

The question remains, what's wrong with this team?

"That's a good question," said coach Bob Milano. "We've been in every game. We've lost two in extra innings. We're not getting clutch hits. When we do score runs to go ahead, we don't pitch real well afterward."

The Bears would likely have at least one win in each series if pitcher Ryan Drese were available. A preseason All-America selection, the Bishop O'Dowd grad re-injured his elbow Jan. 8 playing against Pepperdine, aggravating the same elbow ligament that caused him to miss the majority of the 1996 season. Drese has not pitched since.

"We miss Ryan very badly," Milano said. "This is a kid who would pitch every weekend, giving us a chance to win."

Offensively, the team's catalyst Ivan Lewis has slumped for most of the season. The Pac-10's leading base stealer for the past two seasons, Lewis has just six thefts in 10 attempts, none in

league play. Milano said the St. Mary's High alum is pressing, trying to do too much as the team struggles in his senior year.

"Ivan is one of our better hitters," his coach said. "He's been very good from the standpoint of leadership, but he's hitting in the .230s (.232) and not getting on base for us. He needs to give us that stability."

Lewis has shown signs of breaking out of the slump, hitting .308 in three Six-Pac games and sharing the team RBI lead with four.

Things could be a lot worse for Milano and the Bears if not for first baseman John Furstenthal. A former Head-Royce standout, Furstenthal is leading the team in hitting with a .370 average, raising it to .421 in league play.

"John's having a great year for us," Milano said. "He had a great weekend against USC."

Against Santa Clara, five Bears

pitchers combined to shut out the Broncos on five hits.

It was a Bronco throwing error by catcher Paul Chiaffredo in the seventh which proved to be the difference.

Preston Sharp, who had reached second on a single and a ground out, stole third on ball four to Juan Hernandez. Sharp then scored, as the USC catcher threw the ball away attempting to throw Sharp out at third.

The schedule makers have been kind to Cal. The Bears host Arizona State this weekend. Although sporting a winning record, the Sun Devils are just 3-6 in Six-Pac play.

"The key for us is the mental approach," Milano said. "We have to work hard at playing baseball the right way."

The pressure's mounting. If there isn't a turnaround soon, ears will start popping at Evan Diamond.

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throughout the match, push-
ing the Cardinals' line-
backer Kirk Khashtan and
Stanton Perry-Lloyd were
pushing him among the for-

wards. In the backs, fly half Dave
Stroble scored the first and last
tries of the match, wingers Doug
Anthrop and Todd Conneely had
one each and fullback Nic Sliffe,
who replaced the injured Katsue
Takei, also scored.
Cal coach Jack Clark was happy

to bring the Scrum Axe back to
Berkeley and told his team:
"Stanford is never getting it again."
He also paid tribute to the play of
Cal's second team which won by
more than 40 points.
The Bears face another tough
match next Sunday when they host

Arizona. The 1 p.m. game replaces
the scheduled California Invita-
tional Tournament which was can-
celled due to scheduling conflicts
for other teams slated to play. As
a result, there will be no rugby
Saturday and no early game on
Sunday.

3-on-3 hoop tourney at Coliseum in April

The East Bay will soon host Hoop-
It-Up — the National Basketball
Association's official 3-on-3 basket-
ball tour — for the fifth consecutive
year.
Area hoopsters ages 8 and older are
encouraged to participate when the
event hits town, April 19-20.
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verges on the Oakland Coliseum, where
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Players interested in registering can
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Pet Talk

wanted Rabbits Multiply at Easter: Oakland SPCA Leaps to Defend "Easter Bunnies"

is on its way. And in
to the chocolate eggs,
the hats, and festive fam-
ilings, there remains
unpleasant and unad-
product of Easter:
ed rabbits. The Oakland
would like to remind the
unity that each year, thou-
of baby rabbits, chicks
biddings are purchased as
gits — only to be aban-
brought to a shelter
ritual excitement wears
the jelly beans are gone.
people are tempted to
rabbit on impulse at

Easter time. Unfortunately, not
everyone realizes the commit-
ment involved in owning a pet
rabbit. "Rabbits really do need
as much attention as dogs and
cats. They need exercise, mental
stimulation and a comfortable
habitat," explains Viviane, an
adoption counselor at the
Oakland SPCA. "Baby rabbits
can be especially difficult for
young children because they are
energetic, playful and real nib-
blers." Since rabbits can live for
8-10 years, this can be an
extremely long-term commit-
ment for a young child.

"Many of the rabbits
purchased at Easter will be
brought to animal shelters when
the novelty wears out," explains
Gary Templin, President of the
Oakland SPCA. "Animals
should never be viewed as
disposable."

Responsible Rabbiting

If you are seriously consider-
ing owning a rabbit as a pet, the
Oakland SPCA would like to
offer the following suggestions:

- 1.) Do not give unprepared
friends or relatives a rabbit as
a gift. Rabbits need attention,
time, affection, exercise, medi-
cal care, and patience — quite
an undertaking for someone
who wasn't even expecting a
new pet!
- 2.) Don't breed your rabbit.
There are already many more
rabbits than there are loving
homes to care for them.
- 3.) Do an abandoned rabbit a
favor — adopt one from the
Oakland SPCA. Rabbits tend
to wait longer for a good
home since they are not as

popular as
cats or dogs
— you will
truly be sav-
ing a life —
especially in
the weeks
and months
after the
Easter holiday.

4.) Spay or
neuter your
rabbit. All
rabbits
adopted
from the
Oakland
SPCA are
already
fixed. This
has the
added

advantage of protecting
female rabbits from the chance
of developing ovarian cancer —
often occurring before the
age of five.
5.) Consider making your rab-
bit a "house rabbit." Many
rabbits suffer needlessly out-
side in the elements — exposed

to heat and cold — and with-
out the companionship of
humans or other rabbits. If
you make your rabbit a mem-
ber of the family — you benefit
greatly and so does your
rabbit.

If you have any doubts or
reservations about caring for

a real, live "Easter Bunny," a
colorful stuffed toy rabbit
may be a kinder and more
humane way to enhance the
Easter holiday.

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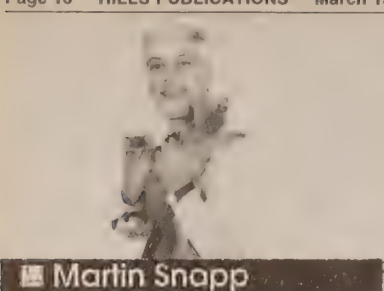
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Martin Snapp

The Best Little White House In Washington: In 1952, shortly after he won the Democratic nomination for president, Adlai Stevenson was invited by Harry Truman to spend the night in the Lincoln bedroom.

Stevenson spent most of the night pacing the floor. Try as he might, he just couldn't bring himself to sleep in the same bed the Great Emancipator slept in. Finally, at about 3 a.m., he curled up for a few hours of fitful sleep on a small couch in the corner.

The joke on Stevenson was that Lincoln never actually slept in the bed, but he *did* sit on the couch.

Besides, the "Lincoln bedroom" wasn't even the same room that was there in Lincoln's time. Only a few years before Stevenson spent the night, the entire interior of the White House was gutted to make long-overdue structural reinforcements. The current building is a reconstruction, like Williamsburg.

Nevertheless, Stevenson was onto a deeper truth: The White House is one of the temples of our democracy. It's more than a building; it's the sum total of all the people who ever lived and worked there.

It's the place where Dolley Madison cut the Gilbert Stuart portrait of George Washington out of its frame, to save it from the British soldiers who burned the White House during the War of 1812.

Where Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation (and where his son, Willie, lay dying upstairs while his anguished parents were downstairs hosting a diplomatic reception).

Where Teddy Roosevelt's son, Quentin, smuggled a pony into a second floor bedroom to cheer up his brother, who was convalescing from the measles. And where, 60 years later, Caroline Kennedy rode *her* pony, Macaroni, on the West lawn.

We've come a long way since Stevenson's overnight, and I can't say it's been an improvement.

Hey, I've never made any bones about the fact that I'm a liberal Democrat. Clinton was my guy.

That's why it's doubly embarrassing for me to hear the Vice-President, whom I've always regarded as a decent man, saying seven different times, "I've been advised by my attorney that there is no controlling legal precedent."

Or to hear the President himself saying, in effect, we did it because it was too important for the country's sake to keep the bad guys from winning. That's exactly like Jeb Stuart Magruder used to talk during the Watergate hearings.

Mind you, I'm not saying that the Clinton scandals rise to the level of Watergate, which was, after all, a conspiracy to overthrow the Constitution — in other words, high treason. I don't even think they rise to the level of high crimes and misdemeanors, which is the constitutional standard for impeachment.

But it's all *so-o-o-o-o-o* tacky. What must our children be thinking?

Not that the Republicans are any better, of course. Remember, the ones who are howling the loudest — can you say "Senator D'Amato" with a straight face? — are the same ones who invited lobbyists onto the floor of the House to literally write the legislation that affected their own companies. But is this what Clinton's defense has come down to? That he's no worse than Gingrich? Faint praise indeed!

Let's face it, fellow Democrats. Twenty years ago we looked down our noses at Republicans who were reluctant to break with Nixon. Now it's our turn to put up or shut up.

I'm not calling for Clinton's impeachment. (Not unless it comes out that those contributors got more for their money than just a night at Motel 1600.)

What he deserves is a public spanking.

First Comes Love, Then Comes Marriage:

Remember the topless women at Black Oak Books? It turns out nudity is nothing new in the neighborhood.

A *Savuer* Magazine article about Chez Panisse (just down the street from Black Oak) says owner Alice Waters once fired her *chef de cuisine*, an ex-topless dancer. No problem with the food, but it seems some of the other employees objected to her penchant for cooking in the nude. . .

Question from Carolyn Sell on the BMUG bulletin board: "Anybody besides me think it's funny that the business that has moved in next door to Good Vibrations on San Pablo Avenue is called 'Used Rubber, USA?' . . . Congrats to two of my favorite people: Bushra and Scott Hall, who own Hansen Motors, a mom & pop operation in downtown Berkeley. (She keeps the books, he fixes the cars.)

Their first child, a beautiful baby daughter, Kelsey Brook, was born on Monday. "Mom and Baby are doing fine," reports beaming grandfather Keith Hall, "but Dad is passed out." . . Got a nice note from Jean Waxdeck of Kensington. (Her late husband, Leonard J. Waxdeck, was the guy you saw on "The Tonight Show" every year, appearing with his student bird callers from Piedmont High.) Jean writes, "I thought you might want to know that the Waxdeck tradition has now turned to classical music. Son Brett will be performing on the piano on March 16th at the Capp Music Center in San Francisco." Yes, the Waxdeck tradition is being carried on — and not just musically. Len was a guy who accomplished a lot in his life; but nothing, and I mean *nothing*, made him as proud as his children. The *real* Waxdeck family tradition is bragging about the kids.

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Buses

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of the Progressive Labor Party. Richard Mellor, who at the time was the party's candidate for an at-large seat on the Oakland City Council, called for an abolishment of money as a solution to the bus problem, saying, "It's better to break the law than to break the poor."

Most at the meeting did not seem ready for such a radical solution.

Apparently undaunted, the alliance held more meetings, and in June, Battisse said she believed the service would be restored with the help of the proposed Asian Market in El Cerrito. Nothing happened, however, and more time passed. Battisse then said she was assured by AC Transit's Perry that service would be restored in January of this year. Then, she said, Perry told her service would be restored in March.

That plan fell by the wayside in perhaps the most mysterious development of all. A new group, the Amalgamated Transit Union's Driver's Committee, objected to a proposal which would have formed a new line in the area, saying it would take service away from East Oakland and cut into driver's recovery time.

The proposal was then tabled at a seemingly unknown point in the decision-making process, leaving board members and advocates scratching their heads over what exactly had occurred. Some did not know who the driver's committee was or what authority they had to take such an action. Others said they did know, but heard different stories as to why the committee objected.

Although Sharon Banks, AC Transit's general manager, and Perry did not return phone calls at the time, Mike Mills, AC Transit's public information manager, said the proposal was also under fire by members of the agency's budget and finance departments. He could not, however, point to any of AC Transit's 2,000 employees as the ones who protested, he said, nor did he seem to know who tabled the proposal in the first place.

Placed on the agenda two more times February and postponed, the issue finally made it through the system and was presented to the board last Wednesday. After some reworking by Perry and a meeting the previous night between the union and alliance members, board members found themselves with three options: the original proposal for a new line in the area, a new one involving extension of the existing 43 line, and a do-nothing scenario.

The three proposals were submitted to the board a few minutes prior to the meeting. After a quick reading, the board approved the second option by a 6-0 vote.

Boardmember Williams, who has been involved

with the issue from the beginning, said he was "not ready to comment" on why he abstained.

While the meeting produced surprisingly scant debate considering the length and difficulty of the process which lay behind it, those who have been involved with the issue did have a few words to say. Pat Burkett, president of the Bridgewater Condominium complex's Board of Directors, spoke to the necessity of restoring the line, saying many residents were "held captive" on weekends and evenings as a result of the original cut.

Janet Abelson of Albany/El Cerrito Access said she felt like a pawn in the long, hard-to-understand process. Berkeley resident and Alliance for AC Transit member Charlie Becher spoke about the strangeness of the original proposal dropping out of sight, and said he was impressed the various groups got together and "burned the midnight oil" to find a solution.

"This really broadens my horizons," said Albany resident Penny Albrant. Joyce Boyett, who lives on Pierce Street and works until 10 p.m., was disappointed the service would end at 8 p.m. After living in the area for the past 15 years, Boyett, who does not own a car, said she was thinking of moving.

Christine Zook, president of the union, said she wanted to make it clear that the ATU "encourages and definitely understands the need for community participation." The comment seemed a response to one she made last month, when she said Albany Hill residents were benefiting from their rather vigorous effort to have service restored at the expense of East Oakland residents, who she called "not as vocal or politically savvy."

AC Transit officials also spoke of what they had learned from the process. Banks said she found that sometimes there were gaps, holes and "unexplained reasons things drop off the table," and urged those involved to keep her informed what was happening.

"My feeling is we really do need to look at the process," said Boardmember Miriam Hawley after the meeting. "We do need to look at it and we will in the future."

At the meeting, it was suggested the apparent problems be reviewed at a workshop or on the sub-committee level.

Battisse seemed pleased with the development, and said the service was finally restored because those who desired it didn't stop pushing. She also pointed out that while the effort lasted well over a year, the proposal which the board finally accepted was hammered out in a matter of days.

"I have a lot of respect for her tenacity and her courage and the fact that she's not easily dissuaded," said Mast, a strong public-transportation advocate who does not own a car, of Battisse after the vote was taken. "That's exactly the kind of citizen participation we need to get things going again."

Avenue

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"several exciting opportunities" for new retail development along San Pablo, including "underutilized" portions of the Albany Bowl site, the currently-occupied parcels at the corner of San Pablo and Solano avenues, and along a portion of University Village slated to be leased for commercial use. The report also states that rental and for-sale condominiums could be successful on San Pablo.

As part of the plan, the firm Design, Community and Environment will draw up three design alternatives, to be reviewed by the public in April and then by the city council. While the plan is meant as a sort of general guide for business owners both future and present, meaning that no sweeping, redevelopment-style projects are in the works, commercial projects at University Village could help "jump start" the process, Ritzma said.

At Thursday's meeting, just over a dozen concerned residents joined city and UC-Berkeley officials to look at both existing conditions and possible future changes to San Pablo. According to David Early, owner of Design, Community and Environment, one obstacle to making San Pablo more pedestrian-friendly is the lack of interface between existing structures and the street.

Other improvements could include adding more landmarks — such as the Royal Cafe and the Gill Tract — along San Pablo to give it more variety and character. Also, because some businesses have parking lots

between them and the street, they do not encourage shoppers to get out of their cars and walk, Early said.

Janet Smith-Heimer, who drew up the Albany Reinvestment Agency's redevelopment report for the Cleveland Avenue/Eastshore Highway area as well as the economic report for San Pablo, said another potential obstacle to more retail development is the small lot size and lack of parking. Smith-Heimer also said the "hundred percent corner" — the intersection of San Pablo and Solano avenues — was underutilized from a sales tax revenue perspective in terms of the types of businesses currently occupying the space.

Possible retail developments which would suit the area include apparel, music stores, book stores and restaurants, Smith-Heimer said.

On Saturday, participants strolled from City Hall to Washington Avenue and back to get a better idea of existing conditions and what could be done to improve them.

While no unified vision seemed to emerge, those in attendance were quick to throw their two cents into the plan. Jerome Blank, owner of the Town Center shopping mall, pointed out that one obstacle to mixed-use housing was Measure D. Passed in 1978, Measure D mandates that two parking spaces be built for each new unit of housing, regardless of whether that unit is a studio or a three-bedroom apartment.

According to Planning Manager Gary Patton, Measure D could be in for a change. Not only does the measure make mixed-use housing financially unfea-

Plaza

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There has been some fear expressed by smaller Plaza tenants that a renovated Plaza will strike the death blow for their businesses, already struggling after the Emporium closure.

Wilton Partners has pledged itself to retain all tenants expressing interest in staying at the Plaza. They would, however, have to be relocated to another portion of the center as razing and rebuilding is undertaken.

Before any of that can happen, the property must be acquired, if not by negotiation than perhaps by a lengthy condemnation process, one which might involve years of litigation.

Dolle, who has represented Bilak in a variety of capacities "for many, many years," said the owners have no intention of negotiating to sell.

"This is going to be a knock-down, drag-out fight all the way," he said.

The city and the El Cerrito Plaza Company is already having its arguments. At an Agency meeting

School

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quake safety rules. The state demands the school use the highest construction standards presently established because of Albany High's proximity to the Hayward fault.

The district is also positioning itself to receive a state bailout for the rental of quads while the high school is rebuilt, according to boardmembers.

Some residents and city officials wonder just how troublesome the demolition of the school will be for the quiet little city and question the path the school board is taking.

Okay on B funnels Transit \$7 million a

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Those looking to cuts in bus service need look no further than Alameda County Measure B, a half-cent sales tax slated for transportation projects while AC Transit with \$7 million per year.

The measure will raise approximately \$7 million before it expires in 2002. Transit backers, however, are currently in the process of having it reauthorized, and hope to have a ballot in 1998.

As part of the reauthorization process, approximately 1,200 county voters were surveyed by the same firm (J. Moore Methods) that surveyed Albany residents in anticipation of Measure R. Polling — a political do-gooder spin doctor Randall Rothenberg revealed "the analytical foundation of the spin society," — is often a highly-effective way to find out what voters are willing to approve.

At the beginning of the 25-minute survey, prospective voters were told what Measure B was slated for. According to the poll, 71 percent supported it.

Seventy percent also supported continued bus and bus service as a "high" priority, as opposed to a "medium" priority. Transportation planning, as opposed to transportation, was cited by 65 percent who gave buses a high priority and 65 percent who cited highways. Transportation for the disabled did well, with 65 percent giving it high priority.

When asked about specific projects, 71 percent gave a high priority to transit safety and security. Proposed transit extensions also did well, with three out of four (Livermore, Oakland Airport, Santa Clara line) gaining majority approval as a high priority. Forty percent gave increased bus service to the community a high priority; 64 percent gave priority to strengthening BART to withstand earthquakes; 60 percent to replacing older buses with ones which burn cleaner fuels.

In the poll, voters also demonstrated a preference for certain types of projects the money will be spent on. A major factor (71 percent) was a much bigger factor than the tax or the total dollar amount it would cost. However, a separate question found that 71 percent would support the tax for eight years, 60 percent for 15 years, the approval dropped to only 37 percent supporting a 25-year extension.

sible in that a developer would also have to provide some sort of parking structure of some sort, it is also the case that many exemptions granted by the Planning Commission for homeowners who build new additions.

"There's something wrong with the rules that have to break them all the time," Patton said.

Also, Blank said, city ordinances do not require businesses to "expand to their full depth" by providing parking in the rear on residential-zoned lots. When much of the retail development on San Pablo was built, Blank said, parking in the rear parcel was in vogue, a strategy which, some would say, cuts the business behind it off from the street.

"We should have started on this 50 years ago," Blank said.

Others brought up ideas ranging from how to deal with down traffic to whether areas in Berkeley and Alameda thriving with new business — Fourth Street in Berkeley and San Pablo near Dwight Way — were good models to follow.

As for landscape improvements, Albany Dario Meniketti was in favor of a creekside development of building "historic architecture" in front of the Plaza. Many said they were in favor of more street trees that would beautify the area and provide shade for pedestrians. The consultants will now take the ideas back gained from the two meetings and develop separate design alternatives by April, when the final meeting will be held.

Amendment issue," said Raycraft. "There are a lot of opinions that they can't restrict us. We're not competing with their merchandise, we're just providing information."

"We're investigating our options," he said. Dolle sees things differently.

"This (decision) should be easy to understand," said Dolle. "What if the mayor had a business in the area and a real estate agent, who had the authority to move her business and acquire her property, to put a sign up on her front lawn?"

"I think she might object," Dolle said. Dolle said the El Cerrito Plaza Company should consider the renovation of El Cerrito Plaza by a development team chosen by the Agency as a public-private partnership. "We see it as the city pandering to anonymous operators," he said. The legal issue remains to be seen. In the meantime, said Raycraft, "We feel pretty good that it's important to get information out to the public and to allow the public an opportunity to respond to site plans being circulated and the development proposal as it currently stands."

school board approved the following:

- State grant money to individual schools for improvements including buying needed computer and audio equipment.

- Four percent pay raises for pool employees and yard aides.

- Closer ties to the independent nonprofit Education Foundation, which tries to find additional funding sources for the district. The foundation was founded in 1995.

- Appointed Allan Maris to serve on the Recreation Commission for a two-year term. Maris is a substitute teacher in the district and former League coach.

"The neighborhood will be a major problem area," Albany Mayor Bob Good said. "There is no reason why we can't delay building a middle school and put the temporary housing (for the high school) at the 3.5 acre Brighton Avenue site." However, others look at the problem with more optimism.

"It may really be a gift," said Albany High School Principal Virginia Behm-Suiste. Behm-Suiste has been Albany High's principal for seven years and an educator for 28. She remembered her own high school years, going to a very underprivileged school in Oregon.

"It wasn't the house that made the education. It was the terrific staff," she said.

In other Albany School news, on Tuesday night the

Turning the emotional tables

the best-presented product. So I didn't expect that as a seller I would take the whole affair so personally.

I am surprised to find myself shrinking from any criticism of the house — as if it were my own hair style or clothes or my children being found wanting. It isn't even my house. Isn't this strange?

My mom bought her modest one-story house on a hill in El Cerrito 30 years ago. She was quite content there all of those years, and I enjoyed seeing her in that setting. I still see her there, standing at the stove, watering her garden, setting a pretty table for a family dinner.

After she died I began cleaning out her belongings and thinking about the pluses and minuses of the house. The neighborhood is quiet, pleasant, tidy. The lot is large. But there isn't a great deal of living space inside the house.

Shortly after moving in, my mother had a clothes dryer installed in the attached garage, the only space available for it. She added storage shelves, her desk, filing cabinet and bookcases and her sewing machine. The garage was used for so many things that it has taken me as long to deal with what it contained as it did for the whole rest of the house.

There is a nice bay view from

parts of the yard, and the interior of the house is sunny and bright. But the washing machine is in the kitchen necessitating the transport of freshly washed clothes to the garage for drying, and there is no dishwasher.

I like that the living room over-

I didn't expect that as a seller I would take the whole affair so personally.

looks a sunny walled patio which my mother always had crowded with colorful flowers in pots. And it's nice that the combination living-dining room is so large and has a wood floor. But there is no formal entry, nor is there a fireplace.

And so on. Like all houses everywhere, there are features to recommend it, just as there are drawbacks.

When the house was fairly empty, I made a list of repairs I thought should be made and inspections I wanted done. I made a date for a termite report, had all the cracked window glass replaced, and a roofer applied cement around the roof seams and vents — all of this to prepare for a general physical inspection.

And I called Susan Reese, a real

estate agent friend who sells houses but also preps houses for sale. I hired Susan to oversee cleaning and painting, to do whatever we agreed would make the house look its best.

Susan and I have been friends for years. I respect her considerable abilities, enjoy her practical approach and know that we share the same goals. I was therefore surprised that I found myself reacting "just like a seller" when she began making recommendations about what should be done to my mother's house.

"The rug in the living room has to go," Susan said. Susan would, of course, talk more plainly to me than to someone she doesn't know as well, but I found myself flinching and realized that I felt defensive.

My mother's red rug. She'd always loved it; it had been there for as long as I could remember.

I should protect that rug. How ridiculous. If I needed the rug, I could take it home. It does look dated. Susan is right.

"I'd like to put new curtains in the kitchen, soft pastel colors," Susan said next. "Do you have any attachment to the ones in there now?"

Any attachment? None except that my mother had made them, selected the material, probably gone to a number of yardage stores, considered many fabrics before settling on this one — and she was

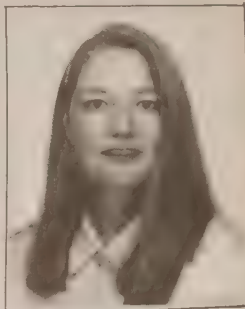
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Larkin tops at Thornwall

Colleen Larkin, a 12-year veteran with Thornwall Properties, is the company's top producer for 1996.

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Colleen Larkin

Greenspan's specter haunts mortgage rates

On March 6 the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation's (Freddie Mac) Primary Mortgage Market Survey showed that the nationwide average for the 30-year fixed rate mortgage for the week rose 19 basis points from last week's average of 7.65 percent to 7.84 percent.

In the first week of March 1996, this bellwether rate stood at 7.38 percent.

The average start rate for the one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) rose 5 basis points from last week's average of 5.49 percent to 5.54 percent.

A year ago, the national average one-year ARM start rate was 5.40 percent.

This week's average for 15-year fixed rate mortgages, a popular op-

tion in the refinance market, is 7.35 percent, up 20 basis points from last week's average of 7.15 percent.

A year ago, the average 15-year interest rate was 6.87 percent.

"As expected, interest rates rose considerably after (Federal Reserve Board) Chairman Alan Greenspan warned the financial markets to exercise caution last week," said Freddie Mac Deputy Chief Economist Frank Nothaft.

"Moreover the economy seems to be accelerating, based on economic reports released today, making it likely that rates will continue to rise over the next few weeks," up this week, but we expect they will rise even more by next week, perhaps to about 7.75 percent."

This year Freddie Mac celebrate See RATES on page 19

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CITY	ALBANY			BERKELEY		
	Volume	Change		Volume	Change	
VOLUME/CHANGE	#	\$	over last Per.	#	\$	over last Per.
LISTINGS as of 1/15/97	18	4,537,890	-40%	106	32,272,920	-31%
NEW ON MARKET	10	2,618,850	-64%	57	16,898,244	-60%
NEW & CLOSED ESCROWS FOR PERIOD	3	859,450	-75%	16	4,935,400	-74%
CLOSED SALES FOR PERIOD	18	4,077,574	-5%	90	26,768,250	-26%
AVERAGE SALES PRICE	\$227,643	---	-3%	\$297,425	---	4%
AVERAGE DOM (Days on Market)	50	---	+20%	64	---	No change
PRICE DIFFERENTIAL (Sales Price/List Price)	98.916	---	+4%	97.933	---	+1%
FULL PRICE - PLUS	7	1,665,500	+40%	26	8,852,000	-30%

REAL TALK

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The table compares real estate sales activity during the holiday market to that of the fall market (Sept. 3 to Nov. 15).

The first three categories deal with new activity from Nov. 15 to Jan. 15. The data in the rest of the categories are based on escrows which closed during the same period but, for the most part, originated in an earlier period. This latter group of figures has remained relatively steady.

The 'Holiday Market'

"Listings," "New on Market" and "New and Closed Escrows for Period", however, show a significant decrease in volume, both in terms of number and dollar — 54-57 percent on average.

A decline in volume during the holiday period should come as no surprise. Whether these levels change from year to year will point to trends in the marketplace. In the shorter term, it will be interesting to see how these numbers compare to our spring market (March 1 through Memorial Day weekend), traditionally our busiest season.

Notice the number of listings in each city as of Jan. 15. Inventory is extremely low. With interest rates

still very affordable and the general economic forecast for the Bay Area on the upswing, Realtors have been experiencing a high degree of pent up demand in our market area.

Readers considering listing their home for sale in the spring might consider stepping up their time table in order to recognize a higher sales price.

The figures show that Albany's price differential of 98.916 is up 4 percent from last period's 94.789. Compared to Berkeley, Oakland and Piedmont, Albany came on strong in this category as well as the full price-plus category, qualifying it as the hot area for the

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SMART MONEY

LEILA GOUGH

Attention all current and future Social Security recipients: the way you receive your social security checks either has been or soon will be changed. If you are eligible to begin receiving Social Security soon, you will be requested to have these payments electronically deposited into your bank or brokerage account.

Those of you already receiving Social Security will see this change take place in the not-too-distant future. As of July 26, 1996, any new recipients of federal entitlement payments such as Social Security are required to have them directly deposited via electronic fund transfers.

And by January 1, 1999, all recipients of federal payments—including Social Security—will have to have their payments deposited directly into a bank or brokerage account. As a sidenote, IRS tax refunds are exempt from these requirements; however, you can choose to have your tax refund deposited electronically if you prefer.

With direct deposit, you authorize your bank or brokerage firm to receive electronic payments from the federal government that are then credited to your account. Most types

Social Security: the check's not in the mail

of accounts—even some IRAs—can accept direct deposits from the government.

Why the new requirements? The U.S. Treasury has encouraged the direct deposit of recurring federal payments of several years, but is acting now to better ensure prompt, secure deposits of social security and other government checks. In addition to saving taxpayers millions of dollars each year, direct deposit of your Social Security payments can provide:

- **On-time payments.** Your account is credited on a specified date each month, so your funds are available automatically. Even when you are away from home, your funds will be credited to your account and immediately available for use. In addition, you won't have to worry about receiving your checks late due to mail delays or other circumstances.

- **Enhanced security.** With direct deposit, there is no risk of lost or stolen checks, and your deposit is completely secure.

- **Less hassle.** You will avoid making future trips to the bank and

waiting in line to deposit. If you currently receive Social Security checks through the mail, you don't have to wait to take advantage of direct deposit.

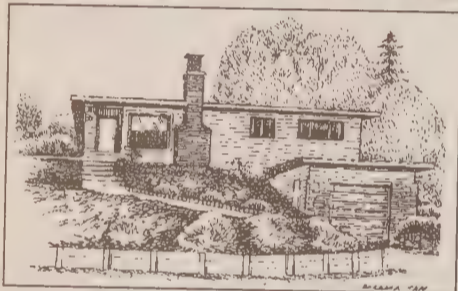
You can reap the benefits by requesting to have payments directly deposited into your brokerage account and brokerage firm's direct deposit service.

If you are a regular Social Security recipient, you may want to consider having payments deposited directly into your brokerage account. That way, you can have investment decisions made through the use of your security checks. Either way, it adds convenience for your needs.

To enroll in direct deposit, contact your local Social Security Administration office or talk to your investment professional.

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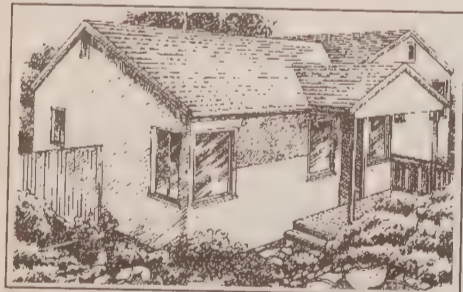


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Tarpoff...

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never going to do any of these things again.

"They can go," I said, and felt sad.

Susan has very good ideas and I agreed with them all. But each of my choices carried with it regret, regret for erasing the house as my mother had lived in it, had chosen it to be.

But she's gone, I reminded myself. The house is moving on to someone else.

The cleaners have washed, the painters are painting, the termite people have made repairs. Curtains are being sewn, new cupboard knobs attached. Susan is shopping for light fixtures, a door knocker, plants for the patio.

We met our favorite physical inspector at the house last week. Bob Westby is thorough and competent and he tells it like it is in understandable language. He is also thoughtful and good humored. There was nothing to fear from Bob.

We already knew some things he would say: There is no safety glass in the French doors, ground fault interrupters should be installed, the hot water heater strapped. But what else — what terrible thing — would he find?

Bob started with the roof. He said it looks good, sealed well, shingles still flexible, lots of life

left. The supports are beefy and there are no sags.

He liked the way the foundation was built, too. And the drainage around the house.

While the electrical service could certainly stand expansion, it has circuit breakers. That's good. And most of the plumbing is copper.

He recommended that I have an unused wall heater disconnected and the newer furnace checked. Over the years water has run under the garage and driveway slabs causing some cracking. It would be good to seal those areas to minimize further damage. If a car will be parked in the garage along with the clothes dryer, for fire safety, the dryer should be raised off the floor. There were a few negatives, too.

"That was awful," I said to Anet after Bob had left. "What am I going to do?"

"What do you mean?" she answered. "This was a really good, clean report. We'd have been thrilled for any of our clients to get such a report."

She talked on that way, repeating herself, adding details and Bob quotes while I sat miserably silent.

Finally I said, "I guess I just want it to be perfect."

Anet Tarpoff and Pat Talbert are licensed real estate agents and area specialists who also offer hourly real estate consulting and coaching. They can be reached at 653-2050.

**Any attachment?
None except that
my mother had
made them and
selected the
material.**

The EAGLE soars at First American

A groundbreaking new title policy was launched by First American Title on Feb. 11. The new policy represents the most valuable innovations benefiting the consumer since the inception of title insurance over a hundred years ago.

Recently approved by the California Department of Insurance, the EAGLE Policy provides more coverage automatically than any previous policy and affords home owners 10 important new coverages and other valuable protections, never before offered through title insurance. These include existing building permit violations, restrictive covenant violations, post-policy forgery, map inconsistencies, living trust coverage and others.

EAGLE Protection is also available for lenders, automatically covering revolving credit loans and mortgage modifications, post-policy mechanics' lien coverage, environmental protection lens and a dozen other issues so critical to the value of a lender's security.

When asked why First American Title created this new policy, Richard Pauleitich, CEO of First American Title Guaranty Company responded, "The EAGLE Protection Policy was produced to benefit home owners, real estate professionals and lenders. We recognized a need for more coverages, including some that have not traditionally

been offered by title insurers, some that deal with post-policy title matters that have not been a part of title insurance at all, and some that have only been available previously by endorsement when specifically requested. We also saw a need to reduce homeowner concerns that created call-backs and professional challenges arising from incidents covered by title insurance. The result was the EAGLE Policy, offering greater protection and increased peace of mind. We believe this new policy will become the new title policy choice for home buyers and the professionals who serve them."

With EAGLE Protection, in each of the first five years First American will also increase the policy amount by five percent of the original amount. This will help cover increases in the value of the property by raising the limit of insurance protection afforded by First American.

First American Title is the first and presently the only title insurer nationwide to offer this new and expanded coverage. In Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara and Solano counties it is available only through First American Title Guaranty Company. Interested parties should contact their local First American representative for more details or specific policy language. Call 763-0500.

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MARK A. WILSON

A house does not have to be designed by a famous architect or designated an official landmark to be a historic home. Throughout the East Bay flatlands, there are thousands of fine examples of Victorian Era houses which are every bit as historic as some of the more famous residences in the East Bay hills. These homes have their own special charm, with various decorative

motifs and craftsmanship that evoke a long-gone romantic era. They also present a special set of challenges for sellers and their listing agents when they are presented to the real estate market.

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Historic Architecture of the East Bay
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To begin with, there is no such thing as a "Victorian style" home. The word Victorian refers to a historic era, corresponding to the reign of Queen Victoria in England, (1837 to 1901). Therefore, any residence built during these years can properly be called a Victorian home, from the smallest pioneer cottage in Berkeley's Oceanview district or Alameda, to the Vanderbilt Mansion in Newport, Rhode Island. Thus

of Victorian architecture used on houses, (most of them imported from England, where they were first developed). These styles, and the approximate dates they were popular in this area, are:

- Gothic Revival, c. 1846 to 1875;
- Italianate, c. 1860 to 1885; Stick Style, c. 1870 to 1895;
- Stick-Eastlake, c. 1875 to 1901;
- Queen Anne, c. 1880 to 1901;
- early Colonial Revivals, c. 1890 to 1901.

If you want to learn how to identify these styles accurately, you can take my class on Historic Architecture of the East Bay at Piedmont Adult School, Tuesday nights from

Victorian-era homes: special challenges

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Although it may seem unimportant to accurately describe the specific style of a historic home when it goes on the market, my experience in listing and showing such properties proves otherwise. When buyers from "back east" come to California to look for a house, they often have owned a historic home before, and are familiar with the correct architectural terminology for the specific types of historic homes they are seeking in the Bay Area. Also, any seller who works with a knowledgeable listing agent to accurately and effectively describe all the architectural features of a historic home is more likely to receive offers from buyers who appreciate such features, and will therefore pay full value for them.

Another aspect of marketing Victorian homes that requires specialized knowledge is determining the correct age of the house. It is usually very difficult to find the original date of construction for a Victorian Era house, because city and county governments did not normally require building permits before about 1910, as they do today. Within two or three years after the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake, almost all incorporated cities in the Bay Area began requiring building permits for new construction and major remodeling, and they began to keep these permits on file in their city planning or codes and permits department.

If you are marketing a Victorian home, you or your listing agent will have to do some research at your

local architectural heritage association, or the deeds section of the county hall of records to determine when the lot the house sits on was first subdivided. If no documentation can be found to indicate an original date of construction, you may have to resort to a good educated guess, based on when the style of home you are marketing was popular and the history of the neighborhood.

It is true that tax assessor's records usually include a "year built" for most houses, but I have found that these dates are inaccurate about 20 percent of the time for Victorian Era homes, often listing the date of a ca. 1890 Queen Anne house as 1910, for example. Again, reasonably accurate use of this information will make a difference to sophisticated buyers who are looking for a historic home.

The third, and most important way in which Victorian houses present special marketing challenges is their use of construction materials and standards which often don't conform to today's requirements. Most problematic among these "outdated" Victorian construction features are original brick foundations. Before the 1906 Earthquake, almost all residences in the Bay Area were built with brick foundations. Once it became apparent that brick foundations created a serious hazard in an earthquake, all incorporated cities in Northern California enacted building codes outlawing this material for residential foundations.

Although brick foundations were outlawed for new construction in the Bay Area by 1909, many Victo-



A late Victorian-era Stick-Eastlake cottage, circa 1890 on Montclair Street in Berkeley. Such early historic homes present some marketing challenges.

rian homes retain this type of foundation. Often, old brick foundations were simply "capped" with a layer of concrete in the 50s and 60s, a type of quick fix that is not considered seismically safe today. So if you are marketing a Victorian Era home with a brick or capped foundation, it is best to obtain a bid from a licensed foundation contractor for the cost of replacing it with a new concrete foundation.

The cost of this repair should be considered part of the seller's cost of sale, since most lenders will insist that either the work be done before the close of escrow, or that there be a "hold back" from the seller's proceeds left in escrow for the buyer to do this work within

thirty days after closing. If you find a buyer with enough cash to pay for a new foundation, pricing such a house "as is" is usually a wise strategy, as the home is in a fairly high price range and will attract wealthier buyers.

The interior design features of Victorian Era homes also pose some special marketing challenges. One of the most common problems with Victorian houses is the buyer's point of view is the age, and sometimes total lack of closet space. In the Victorian era, (or tall wardrobe) used to supplement small closets or even as a substitute for

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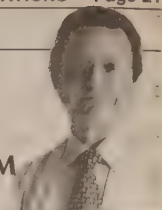
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REAL ESTATE FORUM

BOB BLUMBERG



including article on conversation with Jeanine Augst, who left the estate job at Red Oak Realty in the 1970s, and returned in 1990s to a different real estate

matter of representation by this taken on a new meaning. Buyers decide who will represent their interests in purchasing so. But it wasn't always so. Today's buyers often visit Sun- day's houses unaccompanied agents. If they want to buy, they call their agent. In the 1970s, if a buyer strayed into a house he wanted to buy, he had to face two choices: be represented by the agent holding the house open, or risk losing the house if he didn't. In the 1990s, we were careful then to represent our buyers with an open mind to "clear" it with the list- ing agent in advance.

An agent's life

Jeanine is impressed with caliber of today's agent. Continuing education requirements for agents began in the 70s. Today an agent must complete 45 hours of course work every 4 years, and the class requirements are getting more specific — ethics, agency, trust fund handling, and fair housing among them.

Agents today must be intelligent, motivated, totally aboveboard, honest, and energetic. We must stay cool, be fair, and constantly keep in touch. We must be more knowledgeable about the technical aspects of our job: earthquakes, slides, financing, laws and regulations.

And we must disclose, disclose, disclose. Liability has increased. Agents may now be held responsible for disclosure of material facts, and in certain instances, discovery of those facts.

The composition of our industry

has changed. Today there are more agents with a broker's license, a license which requires additional study and experience. At Red Oak Realty over one third of our agents are licensed brokers. Nationwide, while female sales agents have dominated the market since the late 1970s, as of 1996 female brokers became the majority — 52 percent to 48 percent — according to a survey by the National Association

of Realtors. That same survey noted that there are fewer of us, and the "part timer" is a vanishing breed: more than 77 percent of our industry now works full time. The real estate breakfasts in Ber-

keley at Spenger's on Thursday mornings used to draw hundreds of agents each week. That was a time to share information, to catch up on the latest gossip and real estate news, and to hear speakers on timely topics. Unfortunately today fewer agents attend the breakfasts, which are now held at the Association office. Computers make information accessible instantly to everyone, and have become the predomi-

nant "networking" tool. In the 70s, there were dozens of small offices, proudly christened with the names of their broker-owners: Dave Robinson, Hank Kuwada, Norm Williams, Ann Lott, David Malcolm, Bill McQuiston, Martha and Joe Jeans, Claude Daughtry, Art Kapoor, Jerome Blank, J.T. Ward, Irene Kirk, Frank Battino, Markstein, John Blackledge, Stan Roth, Vern Sutter, Morris Tepping, June Ellis, Norma Starr. Although small firms still exist, today real estate offices have consolidated into fewer and larger operations.

Back then the broker struck a more paternalistic — or maternalistic — pose. Some brokers did not permit their sales agents to write contracts. The broker reviewed the preliminary title report, often without giving a copy to the sales agent or, in some cases, even to the buyer! They handled trust funds themselves rather than sending them on to escrow. It was a more personalized, "the bucks stop here" routine.

In the 70s, many offices did not even have a receptionist. Agents were assigned phone duty on a rotating basis, and took messages on pink "while you were out" pads. How quaint those pads seem today, only a few years after their disap-

pearance.

The modern office is more businesslike and professional. Jeanine hardly recognized Red Oak. We expanded our support staff from its sole receptionist to a receptionist, a marketing coordinator, a transaction coordinator, finance manager, Saturday receptionist, and two general assistants who do everything else needed to keep the place afloat.

The atmosphere in the real estate office today is totally different. Everything is more structured. There are weekly office meetings. Most clients meet their agents in the office rather than in their homes. There is less "watercooler" talk. Everyone is busy. Gone are the impromptu back room poker games that sprung up during quiet times.

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BERKELEY

PARKSIDE DRIVE. CLAREMONT LANDMARK: "Law House," an elegant Tudor, 3BR, 4+BA, stu- dio, large garage & au pair possibility. Level lot. Paul Templeton ext. 131.....**\$625,000**

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3104 MABEL ST., Sun 2-4. Terrific buy! Really sweet 2BR, 1BA, roomy, grt yd for gardening. Anne ext. 137.....**\$125,000**

OAKLAND

660 HARWOOD AVENUE. Open Sun 1-5. ROCKIDGE CHARMER! 2BR one level home & converted garage studio. Sunny patio, hardwood floors, fireplace. Peter McPhail ext. 145.....**\$285,000**

ARTIST'S DREAM. Creative renovation of a Victorian in a new, separate studio. Ron ext. 127.....**\$275,000**

MANILA, Sun 2-4:30. New Listing! Cute 2BR/1BA + bungalow in heart of Rockridge Ron Egberman ext. 127.....**\$265,000**

3828 WOODRUFF AVENUE. Open Sun 2-4:30. Just Listed. Darling charmer in the heart of Glenview! 3 BR light filled! Leslie Easterday ext. 134.....**\$255,000**

5375 BROADWAY. Classic Rockridge 3BR, 1+BA bungalow. Tricia Swift ext. 140.....**\$210,000**

ROSE GARDEN WALK. Upscale living @ great price. New condos. 2BR/2BA. Ron Egberman ext. 127.....**\$185,000 & up**

ALBANY

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Charming 3+ BR/2BA in the heart of Claremont/Elmwood district. Lovely LR w/large bay window area. Wonderful light, hwd flrs, recently updated kit. Great neighborhood. Big 7,200+ sq. ft. lot w/level backyard. Peter Damm 524-5640

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Oakley...

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If you are interested in receiving a copy of the fall market column which defined the categories listed in the table, or if you are an

Oakland or Berkeley resident who would like a like a breakdown of holiday market activity for your specific zip code, call or e-mail me at the numbers given below.

Sales statistics for the Pre-spring market (January 15 - March 1) are currently being analyzed.

Watch for the results in an upcoming issue of your local Hills Newspapers publication.

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11 LA SALLE AVENUE \$569,000
Classic home w/spacious floor plan, formal dining, family room w/fireplace, den/study & rumpus. 4/3 SUSANNE PAUL

308 SCENIC AVENUE \$499,000
Fabulous panoramic view. Four + bedroom/two bath home with a redesigned kitchen and large deck level from living room - great for entertaining! LINDA MCCLAIN

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1302 WEST VIEW DRIVE NEW EXCLUSIVE \$739,000
Meticulously crafted Southwestern w/bay views. Hand-plastered walls & wood-beamed ceilings. 4+3+. J. KARNAY

622 CARLSTON AVENUE \$599,000
Fabulous 40's home on level lot w/walled garden. Loggia w/ fireplace, stunning kit, study & family room. 4/3.5. JAMES GARCIA

8343 SKYLINE BOULEVARD NEW EXCLUSIVE \$489,000
Sited in the hills of Montclair. Secluded retreat with wonderful architectural detail. 3 bedroom/2 bath home with a separate cabin with bath. KURT BUCHHOLZ

235 SOMERSET ROAD \$479,000
Central floor plan & wonderful views. Spacious living room & redesigned kit. w/level-out garden. ANGELA WEI GRUBB

1200 HOLLYWOOD NEW EXCLUSIVE \$389,000
A light-filled, two-story traditional home on a deep lot. New kitchen, three+ bedrooms and two+ baths. JUDY CAIN

6116 TAFT AVENUE \$384,000
Rockridge Brown Shingle w/bay view. Newly painted inside. Old world charm. Formal dining w/built-ins. 3/2. J. RANKANKAN

21 KINGWOOD ROAD NEW EXCLUSIVE \$379,000
Contemporary, 7-year old w/a fabulous SF & bridge view. Family room, master ste, den/office/4th bdrm. S. BENNINGER

6278 CLIVE AVENUE NEW EXCLUSIVE \$329,500
Light & airy 3/2 home. French doors to outdoors, sunny front patio, rumpus, new baths & kitchen. MARILYN WATSON

461 FLORENCE AVENUE \$324,000
Adorable 2 bdrm traditional w/a large verandah off the kit. & a new bath. Level garden & partial bay view. CONNIE ROGERS

39 RONADA NEW EXCLUSIVE \$269,000
Walk to Piedmont Ave. Spacious home w/lrg. eat-in, updated kit. 3/3+. Level in from rear off Moraga Ave. J. O'SHAUGHNESSY

230 DUNCAN WAY NEW EXCLUSIVE \$255,000
Adorable Montclair Bungalow. Charming 2 bedrooms. Formal living & dining rooms. Level out to patio/garden. ED KUO

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206 THE UPLANDS NEW EXCLUSIVE \$469,000
A wonderful ranch-style home in excellent condition. The sunny eat-in kitchen looks out to a beautiful patio and wonderful garden. There are three bedrooms, two baths and hardwood floors in this lovely Claremont home. MELITTA BEESON

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HILLSIDE AVENUE \$989,500
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UPPER ROCKRIDGE COLONIAL \$365,000
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WALK TO VILLAGE \$349,000
Lovely condition. 3/2 with huge family room & beautiful outlooks. Great value. MARION SCHWARTZ

MONTCLAIR HIDE-AWAY \$319,000
Charming 3 bdrm home w/spacious living room & lrg. eat-in kit. "Plus" room on the lower level. Sep. 1/1 cottage. K. STARR

MONTCLAIR \$299,000
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Call the Alameda County Household and Hazardous Waste at (800) 606-6606.

Wilson...

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Thus, if you are selling a Victorian home that is listed as four bedrooms, and three of those bedrooms have either tiny closets or no closets at all, it is wise to offer to include an armoire for each of these rooms in the sale, even if you have to buy them. This is not only more attractive to most buyers, but may be necessary for the value of all the bedrooms to be counted by an appraiser.

There are several other features of Victorian Era interiors that can

create marketing challenges, but these vary from house to house. However, the considerable charm and solid craftsmanship of well-restored Victorian homes give them an appeal that transcends their functional drawbacks. Owning such a truly venerable piece of early Bay Area history can give one a unique sense of pride, and a living connection to a more tranquil and elegant era.

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Agents now use quiet time for prospecting, paperwork, and client contact. Although agents are still by nature a friendly and social group, there is less congeniality, less socializing, less partying. They either work alone or in partnership with another agent or an assistant. The air is more intense.

In some ways, Jeanine feels that being an agent is a lonelier job than it used to be.

What hasn't changed?

We discussed many other changes in the real estate business. But after our two hour lunch, I had to get back to work. Jeanine, on the other hand, did not. She has retired once again, this time from real estate. She wants to spend more time with children and grandchildren, to

take more walks and

concerts. What will she miss? The excitement of the companionship, the satisfaction that comes from over the keys to the new bittersweet feeling when closes the door and the lights for the last time edge that we are helping a basic human need. The tension — and fascination of an intimate and enormous person's life. All that we never change.

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- 6020 ZINN.....MONTCLAIR.....3BD/2BA.....\$439,000.....**RUBY NG**
- 6121 WOOD DR.....MONTCLAIR.....4BD/2.5BA.....\$429,000.....**GEORGE KARSANT**
- 6120 BULLARD.....MONTCLAIR.....5BD/3BA.....\$415,000.....**NANCY DICKEY**
- 101 STARVIEW.....HILLER HIGHLANDS.....3BD/2.5BA.....\$398,000.....**OLLIE HAMMEREL**
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Call Phyllis Johnson at 763-3488
for more information.

Catherine Teegarten of Com-

monwealth United Mortgage pre-
sents the free seminar **How To
Make Money Using the FHA
203(k) Purchase/Rehab Loan**, 7
p.m., Thurs., March 13 at the First
American Title Company, 1544
Webster St. in Oakland.

Learn how to purchase, rehab
and sell residential properties.

Realtors can learn how to locate
and market 203 fixers. Owner-
occupants can buy fixed-up prop-
erties for no money down single home
and multiunit properties, sell them
quickly and realize your profits.

Nonprofits (churches and others)
can buy and fix up properties for the
communities they serve. Realtors,
homebuyers and nonprofits are all
welcome to attend. This workshop
is held on an ongoing basis. Reser-
vations are required. Call Catherine
Teegarten at 210-8103 for infor-
mation and reservations.

The Golden Gate Chapter of the
**American Society of Home In-
spectors (ASHI)** hosts its monthly
meeting 7 p.m., Thurs., March 13
at Hs Lordship's Restaurant at the

Berkeley Marina. Home inspectors
who belong to ASHI of those inter-
ested in joining and meeting other
professionals are invited to attend.
Along with a regular chapter busi-
ness meeting, there will be round
table discussions of composition
shingle roofing, kitchen/laundry,
plumbing and electrical systems and
client/agent relationships. The \$35
cost includes dinner. Call Dermot
O'Kelly at 549-9335 for more infor-
mation.

Countrywide Home Loans in-
vites you to the **Women's Council
of Realtor's Networking Lun-
cheon**, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Fri.,
March 14 at the Hungry Hunter on
Oakland's Embarcadero. This
month's meeting will feature Cap-
tain Bob Smith's Secret's of Suc-
cessful Communication. The Oak-
land/East Bay Chapter meets the
second Friday of every month. Call
Darren Huston at 465-3400 for
membership information or to learn
about future events.

The nonprofit Building Educa-
tion Center (BEC), 812 Page St.,
Berkeley is the place to start your
dream home or to start turning your
home into a dream. On Sat., March
15 BEC presents Art Guerrero's
Interior Plastering; Vince
Corbett's (se habla Español) **A
Roofing Primer** and author/builder
Skip Wenz's **Creating an Ecologi-
cal House**. Plumbing contractor
Stuart Love will teach the two-day
workshop **Plumbing: Hands-On**

on Sat and Sun. March 15 and 16.
Christie Jones of Faux Works will
present **Faux Finish: Surface
Transformation** on Sun., March
16. Don't miss Andrus Brandt's **At-
ticle Conversion** scheduled for
Wednesday evening, March 16. Call
BEC at 525-7610 for more infor-
mation.

Marsha Quick of Red Oak Re-
alty and Karen Ward of CMG Mort-
gage present **Woman to Woman:
Finding the Keys to Buying Your
Own Home**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sat.
March 15 at 1225 Solano Avenue in
Albany. Learn how to set priorities
and investigate neighborhoods.
Team up with industry profession-
als for an overview of the buying
process, straight talk about interest
rates, and strategies for minimizing
closing costs. Reservations are re-
quired. Call 718-2134.

The Golden Gate Chapter of the
American Society of Home Inspec-
tors (ASHI) sponsors Master elec-
trician Bob Stead's **Advanced Elec-
trical Inspections**, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
Sat., March 15 at Hs Lordship's
Restaurant at the Berkeley Marina.
The cost, \$125 for ASHI members,
\$145 for nonmembers, includes a
buffet lunch. Preregistration is re-
quired. Call Marty Reutinger at 528-
200 to register or for more infor-
mation.

The Alameda County Waste
Management Authority presents a
See EVENTS on page 24

Shown By Appointment



421 and 387 Capricorn, Oakland

Enchanted Montclair Hideaway with three bedrooms and two
bathrooms including a spacious living room, a large eat-in kitchen,
wood floors and a "plus" on the lower level. Also on the
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lines. Call Kathy Hirsch 814-4706

1800 1975 81ST AVE. Lot zoned for up
to 10 units! Great for contractor! Richard
Peters 814-4706

1800 3877 HOWE #309. Great loca-
tion! In Piedmont Ave. Spacious 1
unit in security complex, near bus
stop. Peter Fletcher 523-5750

1800 1242 34TH AVE. Large 4 BD, 1
BA. Bungalow located on a creekside
with lots of views! Formal dining,
kitchen, fireplace & garage! Kathy
Hirsch 814-4706

1800 2200 MADISON #208. Spacious
2+ BD, 2 BA corner unit with 2
bathrooms! Convenient to shopping & free-
way! Teri Lee 521-3352

1800 2007 HIGH. Three units! One 3
BD, 2 BA, 2 1/2 BA, and one 1 BD, separately
metered all with 1 BA! Garage for 3
cars! Close to shopping & transportation!
Teri Lee 521-3352

1800 2221 CARMEL. Pristine 1-level
bungalow in lovely neighborhood!
Upgrades, lots of plus space, nice
view! Call Kathy Hirsch 814-4706 & Darlene
Fletcher 523-5750

1800 4041 MAYBELLE. A 3 BD,
2 BA home with large rooms, wide
open 2nd floor, huge workshop & gar-
age! Call Kathy Hirsch 814-4706 & Darlene
Fletcher 523-5750

1800 3223 BROADWAY. Unique
investment building! Featuring kitchen,
bathrooms, offices, storage rooms,
plus parking. Elaine Budka 814-4706

1800 3333 BRIAR CLIFF. Spectacu-
lar view of Mt. Tamalpais and bay! Very
large lot with 2+ bedrooms & more! Russ Grant
814-4706

San Leandro

\$179,500 2519 GALLEON, OPEN SUN.
2-4. Many upgrades, quiet location! A taste-
fully decorated 3 BD, 2 1/2 BA condo with
appliances included, tile entry, fireplace &
community pool! Teri Lee 521-3352

\$185,000 2517 GALLEON, OPEN SUN.
2-4. This 3 BD, 2 1/2 BA condo is located
in a quiet location & includes a fireplace,
community pool, spa & tennis court! Teri
Lee 521-3352

\$225,000 170 HARLAN. Unique invest-
ment opportunity! Zoned commercial 3 BD,
1 BA Victorian. PENDING. 3A unit under-
neath. Upholstered shop plus 2 BD, 1 BA
split-level house! Great Areal Kathy Hirsch
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San Lorenzo

\$219,000 15829 DEVONWOOD, OPEN
SAT. & SUN. 2-4. Lots of upgrades in this
4 BD, 2 1/2 BA Heritage home! Seven
years young, family room, fireplace, 2-car
garage! Close to parking, shopping, park &
schools! Bev & George Williams 522-7173

Hayward

\$113,500 260 FLINT. An excellent 2 BD,
2 BA condo with fireplace, modern kitchen,
inside laundry & small but nice yard! Peter
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hardwood floors, partial view of hills & 2-
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hardwood floors, partial view of hills & 2-
car garage! Peter Fletcher 523-5750

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\$167,000 709 JOHNSON. Immaculate 2
BD starter home in "in" condition!
Hardwood floor, fireplace in kitchen,
near shopping, transportation & good
schools, attached garage! Connie Hanna
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NEW LISTING MONTCLAIR \$495,000
Stunning 6 year old contemporary with Mt. Tam & Canyon views. Move-in
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Live with style & ease in this split level Mediterranean with 3BR, office
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Wonderful level 3 BR, 2BA home situated on 10,000 square foot lot.
Abundant off street parking and extra studio. Call today!
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HANDSOME CRAFTSMAN \$297,000
Spacious convenient on Berkeley border; 576 66th St., extra large lot. 3+BR,
2BA. Brown shingle. magical gardens. Separate office.
1ST OPEN SUN 3/16 2-4:30! WENDY KASHIWA, 845-0200

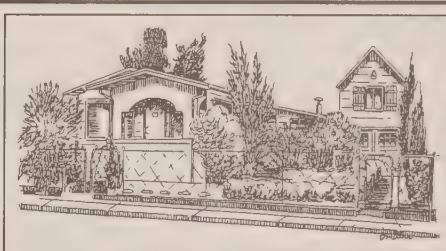
EXPANSIVE WOODED VIEWS! \$288,000
Beautiful home with lovely day long soft light. Warm redwood walls in this
3+BR, 2BA with spacious living rm, many upgrades, generous storage.
Meandering winter creek. JEAN AUKA 849-3711, 273-9311

MAGICAL CRAFTSMAN \$266,000
3BR, 2BA, green level 1/4 acre, mature palms, brown shingle, wrap-around
porch. Den/study enclosed sunporch. Spacious! Newer foundation!
WENDY KASHIWA 845-0200

STYLE & CHARACTER HERE! \$259,000
4119 Montgomery OPEN 2-5. Vintage charm with large formal rooms, 3BR,
2BA plus family room. Spacious garden, long driveway, 2 car garage! Close
to everything! MARK MILLER 893-5030

GREAT LOCATION, DARLING HOME! \$259,000
2+BR, custom BA, exquisite vintage details & upgrades throughout. Large
yard, garage converted to workshop. HOLLY ROSE 849-3711, 273-9329

EXCEPTIONAL CONDO \$149,500
Bright, sunny & serene! You'll love the 3BR, 2BA spacious unit in a 3-unit
building. Many interesting architectural features; in-unit laundry; gas
fireplace; deck; view. DOLORES THOM 834-2010, 763-1710



CUTE & COZY BUNGALOW \$120,000
Featuring 2BR, 1BA, updated kitchen, hardwood flrs, fireplace w/built-
in bookcases, and a quaint 2-story garage; loft could be an artist's stu-
dio, located on cul-de-sac. DOLORES THOM 834-2010, 763-1710

LARGE COSMETIC FIXER \$115,000
Sunny 4BR, 2BA with big kitchen near 40th & Telegraph. Deep, sunny
backyard, 500 sq. ft. shop. Good starter or investment.
DAVID BIGELOW 524-2526

BEST CONDO BUY AROUND \$109,000
1086 sq. ft. 2BR, 2BA includes living room with fireplace, formal dining,
large den, express bus lines & easy freeway access. Unbeatable.
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A CONDO FOR A SONG \$75,000
Oakland \$75,000 sunny corner unit close to trans, 580, AC Transit, Piedmont
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EXPANSIVE WOODED VIEWS! \$288,000
Beautiful home with lovely day long soft light. Warm redwood walls in this
3+BR, 2BA with spacious living room, many upgrades, generous storage.
Meandering winter creek. JEAN AUKA 849-3711, 273-9311

BERKELEY / ALBANY

A BIT OF HISTORY \$265,000
Unique 5 unit unusual Berkeley property close to BART, bus.
CANDICE ECONOMIDES 845-0200

ALBANY FIXER \$200,000
3BR, 1BA priced below comparable sales close to shopping library and great
schools 4 car garage, fenced yard, lots of storage. DARRIN 834-2010

LIVE IN BERKELEY \$167,000
3+BR, 2BA plus room great for home office, move in condition
FRED BRONSON 845-0200

COMFORT AND CHARM \$129,500
Lrg front porch for lounging, gracious entry, bay windows, formal dining,
kitchen pantry room, deep tranquil backyard. N. SHIMA 845-0200, 273-9387

TURN OF THE CENTURY VICTORIAN \$125,000
Bay windows, formal dining bonus room, enclosed back porch, workshop
attached to 2 car garage. Fig & cherry plum trees, extra large backyard
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3050 CALIFORNIA ST. Just listed! 2BD, 1.5BA with additional room for office \$189,500
or studio/living room w/beamed ceiling. Private Japanese garden. Don Dunning 482-2356

7548 ALTURA PL. 3+BD, 3BA. New construction! Open floor plan. Wooded views, country setting. Jackie Carter 531-7000

3942 ARDLEY. Spacious 2BD, 1BA bungalow. Original wood trim, hardwood floors, level yard. 1-car detached garage, priced for quick sale. Chris Christensen 531-7000

2500 RAMPART. Charming 2BD starter in quiet neighborhood. \$166,000
Move right in! Huge garage. Patio and yard. Pat Buhler 287-5910

2624 BEST AVE. Charming Maxwell Park 2BD. Tastefully remodeled kitchen and bath, formal dining room, sunny, level yard and deck. Kate Phillips 436-4100

651 OAKLAND AVE. Immaculate 1BD condo in good building near Piedmont. Near shopping, transportation & SF carpool. Wendy Callaghan 531-7000

SHOWN BY APPOINTMENT

SAN FRANCISCO VIEW from this Piedmont Pines dramatic contemporary. 4BD, 3BA. Bright and open. Wendy Callaghan 839-9197

THIS IS A STEAL! Quality upgrades in this 3BD, 2BA near Rockridge BART. Garage, gourmet kitchen, fireplace. Charm! Judy Farrell 531-7000

LOVELY SPANISH MEDITERRANEAN. Large living room with fireplace & vaulted ceiling, formal dining, 3 sunny bdrms, 2 baths, family room, storage. Nancy Novick 482-2392

MOVE-IN CONDITION. 4BD, 2BA with remodeled kitchen & bath, hardwood floors, freshly painted, good separation of space. Walk to school. Nancy/Chris 482-2392

GARDENERS' DELIGHT! Sunny 2 bedroom home with bay view. Large yard with patio, deck, hot tub, garage. Nice Laurel location. Stan Hammond 839-5846

ADAMS POINT, MEDITERRANEAN TOWNHOUSE. Beautiful courtyard entry, Arches, tile corner flr, beams, hwd, 2BD's, garage. Charming. Noli Davis 531-9536

NO. OAKLAND CRAFTSMAN. Old world charm! Needs cosmetic work. Upstairs 2BD, 1BA, LR, DR, big kit, ldr. Down 3 finished bonus rms & kit. PCR ava. Must see! Frank Henneler 654-6461

NO. OAKLAND TRADITIONAL. Solid and roomy. Formal dining room, kitchen and pantry, 3 bedrooms, high ceilings. Stan Hammond 839-5846

QUEEN ANNE VICTORIAN. Fixer-upper! Being sold AS-IS! Lot of potential. 5+BD, 2+BA, 3 levels. Huge basement area, large lot. Reports ava. Frank Henneler 654-6461

COZY BROWN SHINGLE. Cute one bedroom with office or family room, yard, off street parking. Stan Hammond 839-5846

NEW LISTING! Top floor condo unit. Large 1BD maybe the best bldg in Adams Point... \$92,500
10 yr old bldg. Vaulted ceiling, fireplace, sec. ent. Don't miss this one! Frank Henneler 654-6461

OWN INSTEAD OF RENT. Sunny 2BD with balcony in great building. Make offer! Judy Farrell 531-7000

LOVELY, TRADITIONAL 4BD HOME plus two 1 bedroom townhouses with individual garages. Highest quality, great location. Anne Bruff 531-7006 x283

QUALITY MEDITERRANEAN DUPLEX. Fabulous 2 bedroom units with Bay views... and decks, grass Oakmore location. Parking. Income! Anne Bruff 531-7006 x283

PRIVACY AND INCOME! 2 large homes on one lot in quality condition. Pleasant neighborhood and good schools. Carrie Craig 357-7772

STUNNING SAN FRANCISCO VIEW! Top floor luxury condo in outstanding building. 2BD/2BA, parking, in-unit laundry, balcony. Judy Farrell 531-7000 x227

COUNTRY IN THE CITY! Gracious Spanish Mediterranean on 1/3 acre. 3BD/1.5BA, formal dining room, fireplace, solar heated swimming pool. Gardens. Jackie Carter

DESIRABLE BELMONT-STATEN. Sunny corner unit with fireplace and in-unit laundry. Over 900 sq. ft. Spacious master bedroom. Retrofit! Good HOA and reserves.

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Events...

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free Worm Composting Workshop, 2 to 4 p.m., Sun., March 16 at the Oakland Compost Demonstration Garden, on Bellevue Ave., just off Grand Ave. Learn how to compost kitchen using red wigglers. Transform your trash into free, nutritious fertilizer. Reduce your garbage and become a compost expert. Call the compost information "Hotline" at 635-6275 for more information.

The Oakland East Bay Garden Center presents the free slide show and lecture **Butterflies In Nature and In Your Garden**, 2 p.m., Sun., March 16 at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. Steve Cochran, director of the

Friends of the San Francisco Estuary will focus on common native butterflies and the plants important to the butterfly's life cycle. Call 482-5252 for more information.

Easy Going Travel Shop & Bookstore presents Mark Wilson's architectural walking tour **A Hidden History of the U.C. Berkeley Campus**, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Sun., March 16. Learn the story of the historic development of the elegant Beaux Arts Cal campus from the author of *A Living Legacy*. The \$12 fee includes refreshments. Call 273-9383 location and registration information.

Wausau Mortgage presents Monalisa "Kwa" Campbell's free **First-Time Home Buyer's Seminar**, Sat, March 22 in the 14th floor

Conference room at 1611 Telegraph Ave. in Oakland. Learn credit repair strategies and just how you can end your career as a renter with a \$600-moves-you-in program. Call 247-8698 to RSVP.

Join the Socialist Labor Party's **Paris Commune and International Women's Day Celebration** with a home-cooked dinner at 1 p.m., Sun., March 23 at the Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut Ave. in Berkeley. Call 245-2048 for more information.

The Hillside Gardeners of Montclair invite you to a program featuring instructor, nursery owner and grower Bob Hornback's **Grasses and Phorum Flax**, 11:30 a.m., Tues., March 25 at the Joaquin Miller Community Center, 3594

Sanborn Drive in Oakland. There will be a plant sale in addition to the presentation. Bring your lunch; tea and coffee will be provided. Call 531-6329 for more information.

Truitt & White Lumber Co. announces sponsorship of **Tools for Success: Essential Business Seminars for the Professional Builder**. The fourth in a series of four workshops **Essential Marketing for the Professional Builder** will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon, Sat., March 29 at the Holiday Inn Bay Bridge, 1800 Powell St., Emeryville.

Learn the basic elements of a corporate identity, the secrets of a successful marketing program and a format for a successful business plan. A buffet breakfast will be provided. Call Truitt & White at 841-0511 for reservations and more information.

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Mason-McDuffie's Berkeley office presents a **Garden Faire and Plant Sale**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sat., April 5 at 2855 Telegraph Avenue in Berkeley. Join Mason-McDuffie as the company plants seeds of inspiration while supporting two community youth gardening organizations. Donations of seedlings and slipped plants are appreciated. Call 845-0200 more information.

The Alameda County Waste Management Authority presents a free **Basic Home Composting Workshop**, rain or shine, 10 a.m. to noon Sat., April 12 at the Oakland Compost Demonstration Garden at Lakeside Park, adjacent to the Garden Center building on Bellevue Ave. off Grand Ave. Learn

how to compost waste and transform it into fertilizer. Call 635-4000 for information.

Park Day School presents **Secret Gardens of the** tour of ten private gardens, 5 p.m., Sun., April 27. Others, a Craftsman with a melodious memoir of the original Spice gardens and a with a surprise view. Call 653-0317 for information.

For inclusion in information to *Democrat Real Estate Editor*, *Perspers*, 5707 Redwood Rd., 94619. Phone: 339-4066.

YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

13331 CAMPUS DR, Ridgmont 5bd/4+b, custom, SF/bridge views \$1,450,000
Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460

1302 WEST VIEW DR, Claremont Canyon 4+3+ w/pano bay views \$739,000
The GRUBB Company, John Karney 339-0400

17 SERRAMAR DRIVE, Montclair, 5bd, stunning style & views! \$638,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Leslie Gordon 644-5458

622 CARLSTON AV, Crocker 4 1/2 40's hm, level lot, walled garden \$599,000
The GRUBB Company, James Garcia 339-0400

1160 DRURY RD, Upr Alvarado area 4/3, fam rm, FDR, 4000 sf, vwl \$589,000
Coldwell Banker, Cheryl Gabriel 339-1174

5018 PINENEW, New custom 4+bd/3b Med, just listed, nw, quality \$587,000
Coldwell Banker, Fritz Hochfeller 339-1174

7078 THORNHILL, Montclair geml fab 3+2 1/2, stunning grounds \$499,000
Coldwell Banker, Dell Orr 339-1174

8343 SKYLINE BL Secluded 1/2 acre retreat, 3/2 +cabin w/bath \$489,000
The GRUBB Company, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400

7277 WOODROW, Montclair 3/2 1/2, new listing! ultimate in/out living \$479,000
Better Homes, Mary Jane McConville 339-4000

235 SOMERSET RD, Montclair, central fr plan, vws, FDR, garden \$479,000
The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400

50 STARVIEW, Hiller Hglands 2 1/2 townhms, hdwds, walk-in closets \$449,000
Coldwell Banker, Olie Hammer 339-1174

1827 WOODHAVEN WY, Montclair 3bd/3ba, updt thruout, pristine \$448,000
Tudor nestled in the redwoods. Owner 569-5451

6020 ZINN, New listing! 3/2 w/seene canyon outlook, mstr retreat \$439,000
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174

6121 WOOD DR, Montclair 4bd/2 1/2ba trad'l, hdwd, Indscapd, wkshop \$429,000
Coldwell Banker, George Karsant 339-1174

5960 EXETER DR, Montclair 4bd/2 1/2ba, new listing! lg mstr w/frpl \$425,000
Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460

114 STRATHMOOR, New listing! 2/2 w/Claremont canyon vistas \$425,000
Berkeley Hills Realty 524-9888, Maya Trilling 525-3824 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

6120 BULLARD DR, Walk to village, updt kit/ba, hdwd, frpl, rec rm \$415,000
Coldwell Banker, Donna Ransler, Nancy Dickey 339-1174

5017 OCEAN VIEW, Upr Rockridge charming Spanish 3+3, privacy \$410,000
J. T. Ward Realtors, Nancy Platford 845-6021 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

101 STARVIEW CT, Hiller Highlands 3bd/2 1/2ba, SF view, a beauty! \$398,000
Coldwell Banker, Olie Hammer 339-1174

1200 HOLLYWOOD, Glenview 2-story 3+2 1/2 trad'l, new kit, deep lot \$389,000
The GRUBB Company, Judy Cain 339-0400

6116 TAFT AVE, Upper Rockridge 3/2 Br Shingle w/bay vw, charml \$384,000
The GRUBB Company, Judy Rankankan 339-0400

21 KINGWOOD RD, Oakland Hills, 4+bd, mstr suite, den, fam room \$379,000
The GRUBB Company, Sherry Benninger 339-0400

2100 FUNSTON PL, Oakmore 4 1/2 trad, pano vws, hdwd, fenced yd \$365,000
Better Homes, Nahid Nassiri 339-4000

5135 HARBORD, Upr Rockridge 3+bd/1+ba Cape Cod, garden \$359,000
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460

6624 ESTATES DR, Montclair 3bd/2+ba, FDR, lovely tree setting \$349,000
Pacific Union, Helen Danhaki 547-5750

6700 AIKEN DR, Montclair 4bd/3ba spacious split-level, park-like yd \$349,000
Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460

6359 LONGCROFT DR, P.Pines 3/2 1/2, new listing! must see inside \$339,000
Better Homes, Nahid Nassiri 339-4000

6278 CLIVE AVE, Piedmont Pines 3/2, rumpus, front patio, hdwds \$329,500
The GRUBB Company, Marilyn Watson 339-0400

461 FLORENCE, Upper Rockridge 2bd trad'l, verandah off kit, gdn \$324,000
The GRUBB Company, Debra Dryden 339-0400

6693 CHABOT DR, Best Rockridge valuel 5b/1+ba, motivatd seller \$300,000
Better Homes, Rachel Baller 530-3860

7505 SKYLINE BL, Montclair 3bd/2ba, spectacular scenery, decks \$299,500
Better Homes, Seki Chikami 339-4000

619 LONGRIDGE RD, Crocker 3bd/2ba ranch, remod kit, hdwds, yd \$299,500
Coldwell Banker, John Neilson 339-1174

6861 BROADWAY TER, Montclair 3+2 1/2, exc. cond., over 2000 sf \$299,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Carole Berger 644-5499

16 KIMBERLEY CT, Piedmont Pines 3bd/2ba, reduced/best buy! \$299,000
Better Homes, Martha Shin 531-8643

7548 ALTURA PL, 3+bd/3ba, new constr open fr plan, wooded views \$295,000
Wells & Bennett, Jackie Carter 531-7000

5825 MERRIWOOD, Montclair 3bd/2b, bay view, family rm, decks \$289,500
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Jeffrey Himmel 644-5464

5365 LAWTON AVE, Rockridge charmer! restored 3bd/2ba, nr shops \$289,000
Coldwell Banker, Cheri Harvey 339-1174

6060 HARWOOD, Rockridge charmer! 2bd, +convertd garage studio \$285,000
Templeton Company, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145 OPEN SUNDAY 1-5

5677 CABOT DR, Montclair 3bd/2b, vaulted ceiling, close-in, reduced \$284,500
Better Homes, Mel Copland 339-2109 OPEN SUNDAY 3-5:30

7650 HANSON DR, off Skyline, 3bd/2ba, clean/superb condition! \$279,000
Better Homes, Hal Marcus 339-4000

4255 MALCOLM, Chabot Park Highlands, 3bd/2ba, garden setting \$269,500
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Bob Sereda 869-4258

6677 BANNING DR, Montclair 3b/1+ba, great price/location/homel \$269,000
Better Homes, Edith Marcus 339-4000

1075 GLENDORA AVE, Glenview 2+2 1/2, just listed, crtsm charm \$269,000
Better Homes, Patricia Bennett 339-6460

39 RONADA, Walk to Piedmont Ave, 3+3, lg updt kit, level-in rear \$269,000
The GRUBB Company, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400

5474 MANILA, Heart of Rockridge, new listing! cute 2 1/2 bungalow \$265,000
Templeton Company, Ron Egberman 652-2133 X127

1031 GALVIN ST, Glenview, charming totally redone 3/1 bungalow \$259,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, David Otero 869-4239

1145 GLENCOURT, Montclair starter, cozy 3bd/2ba, hdwds, nice kit \$259,000
Coldwell Banker, Evelyn Walker 339-1174

3826 WOODRUFF, Darling charmer, heart of Glenview, 3bd \$255,000
Templeton Company, Ron Egberman 652-2133 X127 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

230 DUNCAN WY, Montclair 2bd bungalow, FDR, charm, patio/gdn \$255,000
The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400

3828 WOODRUFF, Just listed! 3bd charmer in heart of Glenview! \$255,000
Templeton Company, Leslie Easterday 652-2133 X134

565 SANTA RAY, Crocker 4bd/2ba bungalow w/rumpus, 1st open! \$239,900
Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 339-8400

2443 ALIDA ST, Lincoln Hgts, 2/2, fenced yd, view, charm, level yd \$239,000
Better Homes, Rachel Baller 530-3860

4284 HOWE, Walk to Piedmont Ave, 3/2, best blend of old & new! \$239,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Suzanne 653-8776

4732 REINHARDT DR, Redwood Hts 2 1/2, move in cond., gardens \$229,000
Better Homes, Victor Fierro 339-8400

4437 CARSON ST, 3bd/1 1/2ba, family room, large back yard \$220,000
Gadsby & Associates, Ingrid 748-5300

3318 JORDAN RD, Redwood Heights 2+bd/1ba, lg park-like level yd \$219,000
Better Homes, Carol Cohen 339-8400

3804 EVERETT AV, Glenview 2+1, 7 sunny rooms, RR, shop, patio \$219,000
Better Homes, Arnold Mueller 339-4000

3942 ARDLEY, Spacious 2bd/1ba bungalow, hdwds, garage, level yd \$219,000
Wells & Bennett, Chris Christensen 531-7000

3251 WISCONSIN, New Listing! 2bd/1ba Spanish charmer \$215,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Vikki Landes 869-4225

2665 Monterey Bl, 2bd, library, +rm w/ba, sep rm down w/entry & ba \$210,000
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng/Karen Lum 339-1174

3869 LYMAN RD, 3bd/1ba, remodeled, price reduced, move in! \$199,000
Gadsby & Associates, Bill 748-5300

418 NEWTON AV, Lake Merritt 3bd/1 1/2ba spacious craftsman, quiet \$199,000
Better Homes, Lyn Murray 339-8400

3514 KEMPTON WY, Piedmont Av 2+2+, lg units, share or convert \$199,000
Better Homes, M. J. McConville 339-4000

3612 MONTEREY BL, Redwood Hts 2bd/1ba tudor, FDR, frpl \$199,000
Pacific Union, Diane Earl McCan 339-6460

3050 CALIFORNIA ST, Just listed! 2bd/1 1/2ba, office/studio, garden \$189,500
Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 482-2258

3814 WHITTLE AVE, Upr Dimond 2+bd/2ba, fresh paint & carpet \$189,000
move in condition, lovely yard. Eugene J. Millstein, Broker 527-8822

4042 WHITTLE AVE, Oakmore, spacious 3bd/2ba, hardwood floors \$188,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Dollie Hanson 466-5761

5416 BROADWAY #1, Rockridge, affordable & spacious 2bd/1 1/2ba \$178,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, DA Hammond 869-4219

670 VERNON #302, Rose Garden, sunny 2bd/1ba, frpl, terrace \$175,000
Mason-McDuffie 845-0211, Natalie Cullen 849-5301

2501 RAMPART, Lincoln Hts, lovely 2bd/1ba, quiet tree-lined street \$174,999
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Mark Cujak 869-4237

525 MONTE VISTA #10, Rose Garden 2/2 condo, desirable bldg! \$169,000
Pacific Union, Joan Hauke 339-6460

2500 RAMPART, Charming 2bd starter, huge garage, patio & yard \$166,000
Wells & Bennett, Pat Buhler 287-5910

3829 MADRONE, Upr High St Terrace, nw listing, compl remodel \$153,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Heidi Tugue 531-4554

8001 WINTHROPE, King Estates, corner lot, 3/1, nw fr, grt nghbrhd \$153,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, David Otero 869-4239

2825 SHORT ST, 2bd/1ba adorable craftsman, hdwd, garden \$149,500
Better Homes, Victor Fierro 339-8400

2624 BEST AVE, Charming Maxwell Park 2bd, FDR, deck, level yd \$149,000
Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 436-4100

750 OAKLAND AVENUE, 2bd/2ba condo next to Rose Garden, \$135,000
near transportation. Agent 654-4277 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

898 56TH STREET, New Listing! 2bd/1ba \$135,000
Mason-McDuffie, Cecelia 428-0900

10 MOSS #34, Sunny 2bd/2ba, lots of closets, walk Piedmont Ave \$89,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Carolyn Jones 644-5426

651 OAKLAND AV, Immaculate 1bd condo, gd bldg, nr shops/transp \$66,000
Wells & Bennett, Wendy Callaghan 531-7000

ALBANY Open Sunday

848 SOLANO, Albany 5bd/4ba \$319,900
Coldwell Banker, Kim Cleveland 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

946 MASONIC, 3bd/1b fixer, hdwds, garage, fenced yd, nr shopping \$200,000
Mason-McDuffie, Darin Tinsley 834-2020 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

2946 PIEDMONT AVE, Berkeley 3bd/3 1/2ba \$545,000
Coldwell Banker, Chris Cohn 486-1495

825 HILLDALE, 4bd/3ba \$475,000
Coldwell Banker, Cheryl Cahn 486-1495

206 THE UPLANDS, Wonderful 3bd/2ba ranch, EIK, patio & garden \$469,000
The GRUBB Company, Melitta Beeson 339-0400

200 THE UPLANDS, 3 1/2- Spanish style, charm, lg sunny lot, garden \$465,000
J. T. Ward Realtors, Miriam Wilson 845-6021 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

14 CLAREMONT CRESCENT, Claremont/Elmwood, 3+2, updt kit \$425,000
Berkeley Hills Realty 524-9888, Peter Damm 524-5640 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

595 DWIGHT PLACE, Berkeley 2bd/2ba \$399,000
Coldwell Banker, Joan Barnett

2764 SHASTA, 3bd/2ba \$395,000
Coldwell Banker, Candace Hyde-Wang 486-1495

1137 CRAGMONT, New listing! 3bd incl mstr, study, fam rm, valuel \$389,000
Berkeley Hills Realty 524-9888, Chris Ehler-Hedder 548-4339 SUNDAY 2-4

1471 CAMPUS, Shingle, 3bd/2ba beauty, hot tub, big garage \$380,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X13 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

EL CERRITO Open Sunday

616 SEAVIEW, El Cerrito 3+bd/2ba \$179,000
Coldwell Banker, Chris Cohn 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

921 ARLINGTON, El Cerrito 2bd/2ba, upgrades, bay views, reduced! \$179,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Felicia Owens 869-4217 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

3032 SAN MATEO, New listing! 2/1 starter cottage, nw carpet/paint \$179,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X165 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

HERCULES Open Sunday

271 CINNABAR, Hercules 4bd/3ba \$179,000
Coldwell Banker, Nancy Reichert 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

44 FARRAGUT AVE, 7+bd/5+ba, beautifully restored, grand rooms \$179,000
Pacific Union, Georgia Cohn 339-6460

668 BLAIR AVE, 3bd/3ba w/pano bay view, remodeled, stunning! \$179,000
Pacific Union, Sally Morrison 339-6460

104 PALA AV, Central Piedmont 5bd/3ba craftsman, lots of extras! \$179,000
Better Homes, Carol Caron 339-8400

15 SOTOLE, Reduced! 4bd/5 1/2ba, maids qtrs, view, patio entry \$179,000
Coldwell Banker, Kay Grubb 339-1174

46 CRAIG AVE, Just Listed! 3+bd/2 1/2ba craftsman, 9 sunny msl \$179,000
Better Homes, Helen Nicholas 339-8400

11 LA SALLE AVE, Classic w/spacious fr plan, 4/3, FDR, frpl, den \$179,000
The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400

308 SCENIC AVE, Fab pano view! 4+2, redesigned kit, large deck \$179,000
The GRUBB Company, Linda McClain 339-0400

230 PARK VIEW, First open! Split level Mediterranean \$179,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Maddy Hickling 655-6896

507 MORAGA AVE, New listing! 4bd/2ba, rumpus, private yard \$179,000
Pacific Union, Martha Holstlaw 339-6460

112 MAGNOLIA, New listing! 3bd/1 1/2ba bungalow, FDR, bonus rm \$179,000
Coldwell Banker, Karen Lum 339-1174

341 OLIVE AVE, New listing, 2bd/1b fixer w/potential, FDR, level yd \$179,000
Pacific Union, Lee Jacobson 339-6460

55 TYSON CIR, Fab 3/2, rec room, remod kit/fam rm, incredible vw \$179,000
The GRUBB Company, Marion Schwartz 339-0400

RICHMOND Open Sunday

640 37th ST, N&E, 2bd, freshly painted, new carpet, nice yd & patio \$179,000
Kuward Realty 527-4663, Jim Furuchi 526-5071 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

1307 S.59th(off Bayview) R Annex, tiny cottage/big lot, opportunity \$179,000
Berkeley Hills Realty 524-9888, Joan Brunswick 525-4873 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

SAN LEANDRO Open Sunday

1233 MONTROSE, Bay-O-Vista, clean 3+bd/3ba, view! \$179,000
Rinetti & Company, Al 568-6171 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

2517 GALLEON, 3bd/2 1/2ba condo, frpl, community pool/spa/tennis \$179,000
Harbor Bay Realty, Tere Lee 521-3352

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County on February 25, 1997
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INVITATION TO BID

THE CITY OF ALBANY
invites bids from
qualified Contractors for the
RACE PARK TENNIS COURT
RESURFACING PROJECT
(Contract No. 97-2)

LOCATION OF WORK: Terrace Park, Albany,
California.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The project involves
resurfacing of one (1) tennis court (14,490
square feet). The main elements of the work
include removal and replacement of fence for
player access, laying of major surface
material, paving, reinforcing fabric,
laying 1.5 inches of asphalt pavement and
laying 1.5 inches of acrylic filter and
drainage, installing filter and
drainage, color acrylic with sand, installing a
coat of acrylic color without sand, paint court
mark, adjust existing net poles, hardware,
net, and install new net. The area of work
includes outdoors and will be fenced off during
construction. The project is estimated to be com-
pleted by May 31, 1997.

REQUIREMENTS: Sealed bids will be
received at the office of the City Clerk of the City
of Albany, 1000 San Pablo Avenue,
Albany, California, until 2:00 p.m. Friday, March
14, 1997, at which time bids will be opened by the
City Clerk in the Council Chambers. Bids received
after this time and oral, telephonic and facsimile
bids will not be accepted. Bids must
be accompanied by a Bidder's Proposal form
provided by the City. Bids must be accompanied
by a 10 percent bid security.

WALK THROUGH: A pre-bid walk-
through of the project at Terrace Park, Albany,
California is recommended.

CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS: Construction drawings and specifications
are available for review and contract documents may be
obtained on or after March 5, 1997 at Albany City
Community Development & Environmental
Services Department, 1000 San Pablo Avenue,
Albany, CA 94706. For inquiries, call
(916) 535-5760.

DISCRIMINATION/AFFIRMATIVE
ACTION: The City of Albany will affirmatively
seek to ensure that minority business enterprises will be

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afforded full opportunity to submit bids in
response to this invitation, and that no bidder will
be discriminated against on the grounds of race,
color, sex, sexual orientation, or national origin in
consideration of a contract award or in subcon-
tracts entered into by the successful bidder.

CITY OF ALBANY

BY: JACQUELINE L. BUCHOLZ
City Clerk
DATE: March 4, 1997
The Journal March 13, 1997.

Notice Of Trustee's Sale: Trustee Sale No. 96116256
Apr No 527-142-020-9 You Are In Default Under A
Deed Of Trust Dated 12/22/93. Unless You Take Action
To Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold At A Public
Sale. If You Need An Explanation Of The Nature Of The
Proceedings Against You, You Should Contact A
Lawyer. On 04/03/97 at 10:00 AM, Trott & Trott, a
Professional Corporation, Incorporated under the laws
of the State of Michigan, as the duly appointed Trustee
under and pursuant to Deed of Trust, Recorded on
01/28/94 as Document No. 94 024805 of Official
Records in the office of the Recorder of Contra Costa
County, California, executed by: Ralph C. Hansen and
Mary A. Hansen, husband and wife, as Trustor,
Freedom Mortgage Corporation, a Utah Corporation,
as Beneficiary will sell at public auction to the highest
bidder for cash, (payable at time of sale in lawful
money of the United States; by cash, a cashier's
check drawn by a state or national bank, or a check
drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check
drawn by a state or federal savings and loan
association, savings association, or savings bank
specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and
authorized to do business in this state.) at: the Main
Entrance to the City Hall, 1666 North Main Street,
Walnut Creek, Ca all right, title and interest conveyed
to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the
property situated in said County, California describing
the land therein: Lot 36 and 37 in Block 4, as
designated on the Map entitled "Map of Andrade
Central Tract, Contra Costa County California", which
Map was filed in the Office of the County Recorder of
Contra Costa County, State of California, on April 19,
1910 in Book 3 of Maps at Page 52. The property
hereof described is being sold "as is". The street
address and other common designation, if any, of the
real property described above is purported to be: 2435
Rivers Avenue, Richmond, Ca 94804. The
undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any
incorrectness of the street address and other common
designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be
made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or
implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances,
to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s)
secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon,
as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under
the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees,
charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts

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created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$103,198.69
Estimated Accrued interest and additional advances if
any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The
Beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore
executed and delivered to the undersigned a written
Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a
written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The
undersigned caused said Notice of Default and
Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the
real property is located and more than three months
have elapsed since such recordation. Date: 03/05/97
Trott & Trott, P.C. as Trustee, 30150 Telegraph Rd.,
Ste. 100, Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025 (810)642-
2515 By: Ann B. Schaffer, Attorney and Agent
C254372-3-13/20/27/1997

The Journal March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-924
The Name of the Business:
1) Neurowex Records, 2) TRANST3CH 180
Tracy Lane, Alamo 94507.
Are registered by the following owners:
Matt Oramer, 180 Tracy Lane, Alamo 94507
Bryan Batts, 25 Arlene Lane, Walnut Creek
94595.

This business is conducted by a General Part-
nership.

The registrants commenced to transact busi-
ness under the fictitious business names listed
above on February 11, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-
tra Costa County on February 11, 1997.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-977
The Name of the Business:
Soul Play Workshops, 3702 Mt. Diablo Blvd.,
Lafayette, CA 94549.
Is registered by the following owner:
Elizabeth A. Warren, 3270 Theresa Lane,
Lafayette, CA 94549.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business
under the fictitious business name listed above on
February 13, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-
tra Costa County on February 13, 1997.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-871
The Name of the Business:
Portraits of Youth, 1212 Fascination Circle, El
Sobrante, CA 94803
Is registered by the following owner:
Phyllis Flynn, 1212 Fascination Circle, El
Sobrante 94803

The registrant commenced to transact business
under the fictitious business name listed above on
February 10, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-
tra Costa County on February 10, 1997.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-979
The Name of the Business:
M.L. Henderson & Associates, 104 Devonwood,
Hercules, CA 94547.
Is registered by the following owner:
Mickey Lee Henderson, 7751 Mill Creek Rd
Herculesburg, CA 95448.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business
under the fictitious business name listed above on
February 13, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-
tra Costa County on February 13, 1997.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-970
The Name of the Business:
B & B Lumber, 98 Broadway Street, Richmond,
CA 94804.
Is registered by the following owner:
Barbara D. Price, 11261-A San Pablo Ave., El
Cerrito, CA 94530

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business
under the fictitious business name listed above on
February 6, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-
tra Costa County on February 13, 1997.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-951
The Name of the Business:
Central Air Systems, 5450 Roundtree Place #B,
Concord, CA 94521.
Is registered by the following owner:
Bryan Edwards, 5450 B Roundtree Place, Con-
cord, CA 94521

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business
under the fictitious business name listed above on
February 12, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-
tra Costa County on February 12, 1997.

The Journal March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 1997

NOTICE OF PETITION

TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
OF AGNESE FEUDO
aka ANNE FENDO
Case Number P97-00339

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent
creditors, and persons who may otherwise be
interested in the will or estate, or both,
of AGNESE FEUDO, ANNE FENDO

A PETITION has been filed by Josephine Willer,
in the Superior Court of California, County of Con-
tra Costa

THE PETITION requests that Josephine Willer

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be appointed as personal representative to
administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL
and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The
will and any codicils are available for examination
in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to adminis-
ter the estate under the Independent Adminis-
tration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the
personal representative to take many actions
without obtaining court approval. Before taking
certain very important actions, however, the per-
sonal representative will be required to give notice
to interested persons unless they have waived
notice or consented to the proposed action.) The
Independent administration authority will be
granted unless an interested person files an
objection to the petition and shows good cause
why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on April
3, 1997 at 11 a.m. in Dept. 51, Room 8001,
located at 625 Court St., Finance Building, Mar-
tinez, CA 94553.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition,
you should appear at the hearing and state your
objections or file written objections with the court
before the hearing. Your appearance may be in
person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent
creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim
with the court and mail a copy to the personal rep-
resentative appointed by the court within four
months from the date of first issuance of letters as
provided in section 9100 of the California Probate
Code. The time for filing claims will not expire
before four months from the hearing date noticed
above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court.
If you are a person interested in the estate, you
may file with the court a formal Request for Spe-
cial Notice of the filing of an inventory and
appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or
account as provided in section 1250 of the Cal-
ifornia Probate Code. A Request for Special
Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner: Richard H. Barkie, Esq.
3260 Blume Drive, Suite 410
Richmond, CA 94806
The Journal March 13, 20, 27, 1997

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-1014
The Name of the Business:
J. Marquis Gifts, 2751 Monument Blvd., Suite
#30, Concord, CA 94520
Is registered by the following owner:
Lamar R. Handley, 10910 Glen Artney St.,
Oakland, CA 94605

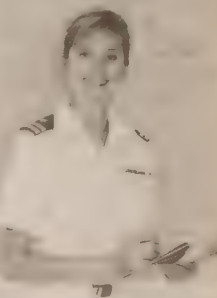
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business
under the fictitious business name listed above on
February 18, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-
tra Costa County on February 18, 1997.

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ART supply buyer for national distributor. Entry-level position for a self-motivated, analytical, organized, creative person. Art supply knowledge and purchasing skills required. Mac skills a plus. Resume and salary requirements to: L.M., 1327 Park Ave., Emeryville, CA 94608. Fax 510-653-3173

ASSISTANT for Berkeley optometrist, full-time. Must be outgoing, computer literate, detail oriented. Will train but retail customer service experience required. 526-3937

ASSISTANT/Secretary, phone, computer, and accounting skills for real estate office. Cantonese speaking preferred. (510) 527-8777

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 WAREHOUSE *PIANO SALE* UP TO 50% OFF! 2 DAYS ONLY! SATURDAY 10-5 & SUNDAY 12-5 COLTON PIANO 2421 Paralta St., Oakland 836-1564

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Oakland & Piedmont

\$525 STUDIO on Lake Merritt 1824 Lakeshore Ave. Studio. Eat-in kitchen 893-9108

\$545 LAKESHORE Area, 118 Althol Ave. Bright, spacious, hardwood floors, appliances. Parking available at \$45. 266-3730

\$550 MONTCLAIR studio, separate kitchen with out, includes utilities, cable, furnished or unfurnished. Non-smoking. No pets 338-0462.

\$575 IN-LAW, utilities paid. Carpet, laundry, yard, extra room. A/C/HVAC. #54781-B. Homefinders 549-6450

\$585 EXCEPTIONAL, cozy, charming, quiet, yards, patio, fireplace, parquet floors, remodeled, landscaped glass alcove, skylight. Near Piedmont Avenue. Open Sunday 2-4. 3062 Richmond Blvd.

\$595 ONE bedroom, "1 of a kind." Utilities included. 144 Grand. Walk to BART, Lake Merritt. 287-9595, ext 3

\$595 PIEDMONT border, sunny, quiet, open view with deck, walk-in closet, well maintained, responsive on-site management, enclosed dated parking available 428-4962

\$675 ROCKRIDGE studio plus, balcony, hardwoods, parking, laundry, cat okay. Clairmont College. #54626-B. Homefinders 549-6450

725 1 BED. APT. RENTALS
Oakland & Piedmont

\$490 IVY Hill, 1 bedroom apartment with hardwood floors. Well-maintained. Quiet street, pleasant, South facing Garden and patio area. 419-0449

\$495 REMODELED small 1 bedroom apartment in modern setting building on tree-lined street in Adams Point, near Lake and downtown. New carpet, paint, blinds, and appliances. New and responsive management. Security parking 187 Montebello 272-9241

\$500 ONE bedroom, 441 West MacArthur Blvd., near BART, new paint, carpet 525-3595

\$625

PILL HILL 1 BEDROOM

\$422 Andover - 1 bedroom. Good light. Elevator, laundry. Near Summit Medical Center and BART. Parking available. Call 658-7812

\$535 INCLUDES heat, large apartment with new carpet, keyed entry building, covered parking, laundry. Near schools, transportation. Move-in bonus 510-482-5008

\$535 ONE bedroom. Quiet community. Well-kept. Interior entry. On Telegraph. Laundry. Cats okay 653-2703.

\$540 ONE bedroom, upper. Charming, Ivy Drive. Quiet garden. Laundry, some utilities. Walk-to-wall carpet 510-254-5508

\$550 ADAMS Point, 1 bedroom. Refurbished. Laundry. Close to transportation/shopping. No pets 632-5553.

\$550 IVY Hill, 9' ceilings, lots of windows and closets, 1 bedroom plus study in well-kept, modern building. Large eat-in kitchen. South facing. Lots of storage. 419-0449

\$550 ONE bedroom, 700 sq ft, remote control parking space 839-3287

\$580 ONE bedroom, \$460 Studio Pool, laundry. Best area, transportation. Call 510-652-2148; 415-573-5950; pager 415-719-8114

\$585

GREAT LAKE AREA

Spacious, freshly painted garden, laundry. Near BART, grocery 1540 Jackson 832-3384

\$575

BEST ADAMS POINT LOCATION

306 Lee St. Sunny front 1 bedroom. Garden courtyard, elevator, laundry, garage. Blocks to shopping and transportation. Call Ann at 510-834-6636

\$595

CONVENIENT

Adams Point area, 81 Vernon. POOL, laundry, carpet, garage parking. Near shopping. Kaiser Center and Lakeside Park. 444-0266

\$595 CHARMING 1 bedroom apartment, North Oakland, excellent condition. Shared yard. 569-9077

\$595 UPPER, sunny 1 bedroom, 5-pkx. AEK, cat okay. 485 Wesley Ave 339-9825 ext. 243

\$600-675 GRAND Lake, security building, elevator, parking, carpet. Laundry. No pets. Available now. 452-2044

\$600 LARGE 1 Bedroom. Hardwood Floors. Near Lake Merritt. Reduction for Minimal Maintenance. Duties 452-0162

\$610 PLUS deposit 1 bedroom. Near shops, buses, SF express. No stairs. Wheelchair accessible. Must appreciate, respect quiet living 530-1754

\$615 ELEGANT, large at 1009 MacArthur Blvd. (at Alameda). Hardwood floors, full kitchen, excellent bus connections. Includes all utilities 531-8172.

\$620 NICE, b.g. 1 bedroom, Piedmont border, Rose Garden, secure, balcony, carpeted, 630 Mariposa 655-4972

\$625 QUIET, near Lake, Dimond kitchen, bath, off-street parking, laundry room. Pager 510-678-8160; days 415-824-9399

\$625 SUPER 1 bedroom, Dimond District. New carpets, very bright. Shops nearby. Pet-free, non-smoking 834-9033

\$645 NORTH Oakland, spacious 1 bedroom, fireplace, hardwood floors, newly remodeled, quiet, near BART 869-5116

\$650-675

PLEASANT VALLEY

Sunny, spacious 1 bedroom. Off-street parking. 4421 Gilbert 841-5979

\$650-725 CHARMING, large apartments, great location, hardwood floors, appliances. Must see. 465-7500 or 832-3585

\$660 GLENVIEW, charming art deco. Fireplace, breakfast nook, laundry. Convenient location, above 580. 587-0482

\$675 ONE bedroom with large kitchen and living room. Good closet space. On Piedmont Ave. Over commercial streets. 652-9891

\$675 ONE bedroom Condo, fireplace, view, covered parking, excellent condition. Drive by 424 Orange WMC, 893-9380

\$675 REMODELED in older well-maintained fourplex. Adams Point. Hardwoods, granite/marble counter tops. Cable, non-smoking, 1 parking space. 465-1679

\$685 CONDOMINIUM near Piedmont. Cozy, architecturally exciting, privacy, deck, dishwasher. 473 Jean (Santa Clara). 465-6622

\$685 DIMOND, quiet, spacious, sunny, hardwood floors, tile bath, eat-in kitchen, fireplace, yard, laundry. 482-5790

\$695 Lake Merritt, 1 bedroom. Water/garage included, parking, roof deck, walk to BART. 834-5328

\$695 ONE bedroom, near Piedmont. View, balcony, garage, dishwasher, garbage disposal. 836-1396

\$700 GLENVIEW, charming, quiet 1 bedroom lower garden apartment. Utilities included. 1200% Everett. Open for viewing 10-noon, March 15; 2-4, March 16.

\$705

LUXURY LIVING

285 Lee St. Spacious 1 bedroom. Quiet and quality. Modern conveniences, deck, walk-in. AEK. Best Adams Point location. Must See! Call 465-3046

\$710 EXTRA large, sunny Spanish style 1 bedroom. Hardwood floors, separate dining room, patio. All utilities included. Close to Lake. 2215 Carroll Street. 834-6646

\$720 LARGE, sunny 1 bedroom. Adams Point. Formal dining, fireplace, parking, remodeled throughout. Transportation. 482-4833

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725 1 BED. APT. RENTALS
Oakland & Piedmont

\$725 BEAUTIFUL, 1 bedroom in great Art Deco building. Lots of storage, hardwood floors, ample sunlight. Most utilities included. Close to shops and transportation. 839-7329

\$750 MONTCLAIR, quiet in-law, garden, patio, five minutes from Redwood Park, easy walk to village. Plus utilities. No pets. Non-smoking 420-8442

\$750 PIEDMONT border, sunny, quiet, balcony, large walk-in closets, 775 ft. well maintained, responsive on site management, enclosed dated parking available. Piedmont/Rockridge shopping. 428-4962

\$775 LARGE, sunny, 1 bedroom off Piedmont Avenue, vintage fourplex. Hardwood floors, security, parking. 634-6413

\$800 PIEDMONT Ave. duplex, large, hardwood floors, clean. New appliances. Laundry. Patio. Garage. Barbara, 526-0107.

\$850 LOVELY CONDO. Lake view, new, fireplace. 151 Lakeside. No pets. 1 year lease. 839-3718

\$950

UPPER GRAND/ROSE GARDEN
Elegant, spacious, 1 bedroom in Mediterranean style building. Hardwoods, parking, laundry. All utilities included. 461 Crescent. 841-5679

\$950 CHARMING downstairs duplex, Trestle Glen 1 bedroom, eat-in kitchen. Near transportation. No pets 415-324-8057

\$950 UPPER GRAND 1+ bedroom, fireplace, hardwoods, appliances, laundry. Near transportation. Cats okay 601-1656

\$1150 UTILITIES included. Rockridge. Walk to BART, bus, shops. Oaks, dogs, tile bath, Wedge-wood stone, bay window, bay view. 655-1254

\$1250 PARKWOODS. Dream come true! New award winning community. Beautiful, cozy, pristine. Bay view. 510-841-7088

\$1250

2 BED. APT. RENTALS
Oakland & Piedmont

\$695 BEAUTIFUL, large 2 bedroom duplex, hardwood floors, laundry plus washer/dryer, yard. Near Park Blvd 2576 14th Ave 658-3472

\$695 GREAT Location. Spacious 2 bedroom, security building, near Piedmont. Parking available 654-3837

\$700 Two bedroom, 1 bath, hardwood floor, garage. Lake view, 2204 Lakeshore. No pets. 893-6319

\$725 Two bedroom, 1 1/2 bath in Redwood Heights area. Spacious apartment in 4 unit building. Wood burning fireplace, 1 car garage and on site laundry. 865-8250, 531-6118 (evenings)

\$750/795 LAUREL District, quiet, immaculate Hillside with Oakland/San Francisco view. Between 1580/Highway 133. Remote controlled gate access. 3773 High St. Close to Miller, Holy Names College. New interior and appliances. Covered parking, laundry, balcony. No pets 530-2032

\$750-875 SPACIOUS, sunny, 2 bedroom. Private balcony, parking. Excellent Piedmont Border location. Well-maintained 428-1242

\$750 NEWLY painted, large, sunny 2 bedroom. Lake view, hardwood, kitchen, dining. Laundry 763-5420 evenings.

\$750 SPACIOUS 2 bedroom near Piedmont, laundry facilities, parking. 655-5845; after 6:30 p.m. call 653-6019

\$750 SPACIOUS, sunny 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath duplex. Carpet, fireplace, double garage, near transportation. 415-564-7322

\$750 Two bedroom Adams Point, triplex, private entrance, laundry room. No pets. 206 Orange St. Call Brett 531-7575, ext. 351

\$775

GREAT LAKE LOCATION

401 Bellevue Ave., near Grand Lake Theater. New carpeting, laundry, parking, storage. Attentive management. 763-7215

\$795 CHINA Hill, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths with hill view and deck. Clean, well-maintained, quiet, modern building. Good freeway plus bus access. New paint and carpet. Gated parking. Near Grand Lake 834-6350. 465-8774

\$800 ROCKRIDGE. Spacious, clean basement unit 379 Cavalro. No pets. Goldwell Benker. Don Cotho 835-6254

\$800 SUNNY, large 2nd floor triplex near Dimond. Laundry, garage, storage. Near transportation 530-4960

\$825 CHARMING, remodeled, streamside duplex. Hardwood floors, large closets, fenced yard. Near shopping, transportation. 534-7008

\$825 QUALITY building near Piedmont, upper Grand Lakeshore, 1 bath, balcony, pool, AEK. 465-3648

\$825 TWO bedroom, Lake Merritt area. New carpet, paint. Drive by 364 Lester. Call WMC, 893-9380

\$850 LAKE area, 346 Hanover, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 8625 1 bedroom 893-5736; 852-9414

\$850 LUXURY 2 1/2 bedrooms, split level town-home, 1 1/2 baths, hardwoods, beautiful garden setting, garage. Available April 1st. 533-5065

\$875 301 JAYNE, near Lake Merritt. 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. First floor with patio, parking and new carpet. 523-1166

\$875 TOWNHOUSE. Laurel District. 1 1/2 baths. Fireplace, washer/dryer, Carport. Cable. Water/garage. Helen, 595-6671

\$875 TWO bedroom apartment on second floor of a classic fourplex near the Lake. Laundry and off-street parking included, cats okay. 3622 Grand Avenue near Mariposa. 464-5978

\$899 ROCKRIDGE, sunny remodeled Victorian. New kitchen, 18' walk-in closet, refinished oak floors, Livators. 415-8633-6360

\$950 2nd BATHS, 5 years old, fireplace, laundry in unit, appliances, rear yard, 2 story unit, security entrance. No pets. 534-6461

\$950 CONDO, 2 bath, garage, laundry in unit, balcony, fireplace, lot off living room. 530-1834

\$950 LAKE area, sunny, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, carpets, fireplace, parking, balcony, great view. 465-9064

\$950 WONDERFUL, in-law unit near Glenview. Gourmet kitchen, laundry, hardwood floors, parking, yard, alarm, non-smoking. Cat okay. April 1 532-1926

\$975 CONDO in great location. Security building. Laundry, parking. 5025 Woodminster Lane #302 482-0356

\$1050 ADAMS Point, spacious, sunny, 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom upper flat in 1920's duplex. Large deck, extra closets, washer/dryer, carport, hardwoods, new carpet, new paint. Must see 510-832-4242

\$1050 CONDO/Piedmont. Available April 1st, remodeled 2 bedroom, 2 bath, garage, pool. 547-8303

\$1155-1250 UNFURNISHED 2 bedroom condominium near Lake Merritt, Lakeshore Shopping District. New 7 units, security building with elevator, parking, patios, decks, washer/dryer in each unit, approximately 1100 square feet, some Lake view, 1 year lease, no pets, non-smoking. 400 Wayne Avenue. Shown by appointment. 452-2944

\$1150 STUNNING, modern, 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Walk-to-wall carpeting, fireplace, other amenities, near transportation. Dimond Heights. Pets negotiable. 339-1938

\$1150 Two bedroom, 2 bath Condo, (2 master suites). Near Lake Merritt. 389 Belmont. Kramer R/E 946-5200

\$1200-1250

UPPER ROCKRIDGE

2 bedroom corner units, top floor with view, pool and garden area. 2 bedroom, 2 bath top floor unit on Piedmont border. Quiet secure buildings, parking included. Cats okay. 658-3280

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727 3+ BED. APT. RENTALS
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\$690 HUGE, sunny upper flat. Hardwood floors, dining room, garage. 2712 Harrison. 482-9811

\$950 VERY large upper front, in fourplex, parking. 438 East 15th Street, 530-9273

\$1390 IMMACULATE, huge 4 bedroom duplex. Hardwoods, fireplace, washer/dryer. Yard, parking. Nice location. No pets. Must see 658-3472

\$1450 HUMONGOUS 3 bedroom North Oakland Victorian flat. Wood floors. Garden. Lease. Pet-free, non-smoking 834-9033

COTTAGES FOR RENT**737 Berkeley**

\$585 SPACIOUS, large bedroom. Fireplace, hardwoods, new paint, near BART. Sacramento. #54665-B. Homefinders 549-6450

\$465 INCLUDING utilities. Small 1 bedroom cottage, fenced, pet okay. Excellent references. 369 Orange 254-5870

\$550 CLEAN, quiet 1 bedroom cottage, newly renovated. Drive by 1030 Foothill WMC, 893-9380

\$575 COTTAGE, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, near Piedmont. Easy commute. References. 510-654-0772/415-391-2225

\$595 SUNNY, 1 bedroom, near Mormon Temple. \$750 deposit. 3537 Laguna Avenue. Rita, 531-4790

\$625 LAUREL District, 1 bedroom cottage, hardwood floors, secluded, in cul-de-sac. Available March 15. 531-1061

\$630 TWO room cottage in rustic setting. Includes utilities. Woodminster area of Oakland Hills. Agent Mary 531-7010

\$640 CONVENIENT, calm, Adams Point cottage. Private deck, redwoods, skylight, parking. References, credit verified. 654-7744

\$985 NEAR Piedmont, large 1 bedroom cottage. Washer/dryer, garage, no pets. 658-9361

HOMES FOR RENT**750 Albany & Kensington**

ALBANY, Kensington, El Cerrito; two, three, four bedroom cottages, flats, and houses. Berkeley Connection. 445-7821

\$1325 EL CERRITO Hills, small 3 bedrooms, bath View, fireplace, carpets, email, no garage. 549-2136

\$1600 ALBANY, 3 bedrooms, hardwoods, fireplace, yard, hookups, parking. Kamora/Thousand Oaks. #54778-B. Homefinders 549-6450

\$1750 KENSINGTON refurbished 4 bedrooms Dining, hardwoods, fireplace, view, pets? Trinity/Belmont. #54752-B. Homefinders 549-6450

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\$2150 RICHMOND View, spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, large yard, garage. Near shopping 549-3616

\$755 4+ BED. HOME RENTALS
Berkeley

\$2100 FOUR bedroom chalet in wooded setting. Offers comfort, style, convenience. Decks, views, wood burning stove. Drive by 1411 Glendale. WMC 893-9380

\$1000 HERCULES, 100 Heather. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, mirrored closets, yard, garage. \$1000 deposit. 736-3455

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\$1400 TOWNHOUSE, 2 1/2 bath, panoramic view, decks, fireplace, laundry, double garage, auto car. 510-339-6130

\$1699 PIEDMONT. 2 plus bedrooms. Rent/sale, lowest sale price. Formal dining, yard, garage 510-836-0190

\$1700 MONTCLAIR, quiet 2 bedroom, 1 bath, indoor and outdoor fireplaces, hardwood floors, 2 sunny decks, large yard, valley view, 1 car garage, level access 655-2440. Available April 15.

\$2250 SPECTACULAR Bay view from 2 floors, 2 fireplaces, 2 1/2 baths, designer kitchen, double garage. Close to bus/BART. Lease. No pets, non-smoking 486-0110

762 3 BED. HOME RENTALS
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-796
The Name of the Business:
Golden Rule Management, 2500 Old Crow Canyon Road, Suite 520, San Ramon, CA 94583 is registered by the following owner:
James M. Drury, 404 Gold Lake St., Danville, CA 94506

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 5, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 5, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-570
The Name of the Business:
HONEYMOONS, 1300 Galaxy Way, Suite 7, Concord, CA 94520
is registered by the following owner:
Brandi Ann Vamey Smith, 811 Ryan Place #101, Pleasant Hill, CA 94520

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 27, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 27, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-824
The Name of the Business:
A-1 Auto Service, 207 24th St., Richmond, CA 94804
is registered by the following owner:
Allen Crawford, 10 Dorset Place, Mill Valley, CA 94041

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 29, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 29, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-852
The Name of the Business:
Clean Brox Cleaning Co., 4230 Harmon Rd., El Sobrante, CA 94803
is registered by the following owners:
Oliver Greenlaw, 4230 Harmon Rd., El Sobrante, CA 94803
Daniel Greenlaw, 4230 Harmon Rd., El Sobrante, CA 94803

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 30, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 30, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-515
The Names of the Businesses:
1) M & H Enterprises, 2) Muse Travel, 6097 Arlington Blvd., Richmond, CA 94805
Are registered by the following owner:
Joyce Elaine Muse, 8057 Arlington Blvd., Richmond, CA 94805

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 24, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 24, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-547
The Name of the Business:
CV Consulting, 481 Coventry Pl., Danville, CA 94506
is registered by the following owner:
Drew Seavey, 481 Coventry Pl., Danville, CA 94506

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 27, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 27, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-556
The Name of the Business:
Denon & Doyle Disc Jockey Company, The Party Pros, 1300 Galaxy Way, Ste. 7, Concord, CA 94520
is registered by the following owner:
Brian Shae Doyle, 1300 Galaxy Way, #7, Concord, CA 94520

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 28, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 28, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

**NOTICE OF PETITION
TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
LORRAINE MARJORIE STECKLER,
aka LORRAINE M. STECKLER
Case Number P97-00271**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of LORRAINE MARJORIE STECKLER, aka LORRAINE M. STECKLER

A PETITION has been filed by GILBERT A. PERRY in the Superior Court of California, County of CONTRA COSTA.

THE PETITION requests that GILBERT A. PERRY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests that the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 24, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. In Dept. 51, Room 8001 located at 625 Court St., Martinez, CA 94553.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as

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provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court, if you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in section 1250 of the California Probate Code. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner: ROBERT R. OUTIS
ROBERT R. OUTIS, APC
1320 Solano Ave., Ste. 102, Albany, CA 94706
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-739
The Name of the Business:
The Old Forge Press, 425 Honeysuckle Lane, San Ramon, CA 94583. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3237, San Ramon, CA 94583
is registered by the following owners:
Roy Marcot, 425 Honeysuckle Lane, San Ramon, CA 94583
Paul Goodwin, 229 E. 4th Street, Newport, KY 41071.

This business is conducted by a Joint Venture.
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 1, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 4, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1035
The Name of the Business:
Apogee International, 2233 Scenic Street, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
is registered by the following owner:
Felix Schwartz, 2233 Scenic Street, El Cerrito, CA 94530

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 18, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 18, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-829
The Name of the Business:
Karyna Imports, 3538 Brook St., Lafayette, CA 94549. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 849, Lafayette, CA 94549-0849
is registered by the following owners:
Karyn J. Johnson, 3538 Brook Street, Lafayette, CA 94549
Jelena Ma, 4954 Stoneridge Ct., Oakland, CA 94605

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 8, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 8, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-861
The Name of the Business:
Kath-Ken Assoc., 643 Bountry Dr., Bay Point, CA 94865
is registered by the following owner:
Kathryn Metz, 643 Bountry Dr., Bay Point, CA 94865

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 7, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 7, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1033
The Name of the Business:
Sunflower Patch Family Day Care, 6558 Schmidt Lane, #A, El Cerrito, CA 94530
is registered by the following owner:
Claudia Liz Deros, 6558 Schmidt Lane, #A, El Cerrito, CA 94530

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 18, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 18, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1025
The Name of the Business:
Bunch Investigations, 5042 Claremont Ct., Oakley, CA 94661
is registered by the following owners:
Kirk B. Bunch, 5042 Claremont Ct., Oakley, CA 94661
Margaret Bunch, 5042 Claremont Ct., Oakley, CA 94661

This business is conducted by individuals - Husband and Wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 18, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 18, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-556
The Name of the Business:
Tool Mechanical Services, 836 Richmond St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
is registered by the following owner:
Anthony O'Leary, 836 Richmond St., El Cerrito, CA 94530

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 27, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 27, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-565
The Name of the Business:
AD-NET Services, 717 McLoughlin St., Richmond, CA 94805
is registered by the following owner:
Undsay K. Eiam, 717 McLoughlin St., Richmond, CA 94805

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 28, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 27, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-597
The Name of the Business:
T.W. Bell Enterprises, 816 Dobrich Cir., Bay Point, CA 94565. P.O. Box 5335, Bay Point, CA 94565
is registered by the following owner:
Thomas Wayne Bell, 816 Dobrich Cir., Bay Point, CA 94565

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 28, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 27, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-771
The Name of the Business:
Only Beja, 5000 Cabrillo Point, Discovery Bay, CA 94514
is registered by the following owners:

Ed Calvin, 5000 Cabrillo Point, Discovery Bay, CA 94514.
Held Calvin, 5000 Cabrillo Point, Discovery Bay, CA 94514.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-825
The Name of the Business:
MP Enterprises, 330 Bentley Court, Pacheco, CA 94553-5568
is registered by the following owners:
Howard Perdue, 330 Bentley Court, Pacheco, CA 94553.
Robert Mills, 330 Bentley Court, Pacheco, CA 94553

This business is conducted by Co-Partners.
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 6, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 6, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-713
The Name of the Business:
Basket Babies, 119 Hale Court, Martinez, CA 94553
is registered by the following owner:
Anna Liza G. Price, 119 Hale Court, Martinez, CA 94553

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 3, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 3, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-797
The Name of the Business:
East Co. Co. Records, 233 Sussex St., Concord, CA 94520
is registered by the following owner:
Ryan Mitchell Nagy, 233 Sussex St., Concord, CA 94520

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 1, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 1, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-594
The Name of the Business:
Dazzling Designs, 29 Cedar Hollow Dr., Danville, CA 94526
is registered by the following owner:
Diana Marie Nagy, 29 Cedar Hollow Dr., Danville, CA 94526

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 1, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 1, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-947
The Name of the Business:
E.M. West, 1360 Rudge Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
is registered by the following owner:
Margaret E. Henke, 1360 Rudge Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 12, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 12, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

**NOTICE OF PETITION
TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
OF LAVADA LOWE WALKER
Case Number P97-00273**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of LAVADA LOWE WALKER

A PETITION has been filed by JAMARA AL QATARR ALISHAH, aka ANNA M. WALKER, in the Superior Court of California, County of Contra Costa.

THE PETITION requests that JAMARA AL QATARR ALISHAH, aka ANNA M. WALKER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 18, 1997 at 11 a.m. In Dept. 51, Room 8001, located at 625 Court St., Martinez, CA 94553.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court, if you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in section 1250 of the California Probate Code. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner: Jamar Al Qatarr Alishah
3406 Florida Ave., Richmond, CA 94804
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-900
The Name of the Business:
Armenian Genocide Resource Center, 5400 McBryde Ave., Richmond, CA 94805
is registered by the following owner:
Richard Dorian Kolan, 5400 McBryde Ave., Richmond, CA 94805

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 10, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 11, 1997.
The Journal March 6, 13, 20, 27, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-771
The Name of the Business:
Only Beja, 5000 Cabrillo Point, Discovery Bay, CA 94514
is registered by the following owners:

Ed Calvin, 5000 Cabrillo Point, Discovery Bay, CA 94514.
Held Calvin, 5000 Cabrillo Point, Discovery Bay, CA 94514.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1182
The Name of the Business:
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 5, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 5, 1997.
The Journal March 6, 13, 20, 27, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1182
The Name of the Business:
Alamo Real Properties, 173 South Via Lucia, Alamo, CA 94507
is registered by the following owner:
Chi-Hwan Oh, 173 South Via Lucia, Alamo, CA 94507

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 24, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 24, 1997.
The Journal March 6, 13, 20, 27, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1026
The Name of the Business:
ANSWERS, 3960 Charles Ave., El Sobrante, CA 94803
is registered by the following owners:
Carl Steiner, 3960 Charles Ave., El Sobrante, CA 94803
Lisa Steiner, 3960 Charles Ave., El Sobrante, CA 94803

This business is conducted by individuals - Husband and Wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 18, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 18, 1997.
The Journal March 6, 13, 20, 27, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-930
The Names of the Businesses:
1) Cash Savers 2) GWH Enterprises 3) Insight Enterprises, 6680 Alhambra Ave. #203, Martinez, CA 94553
Are registered by the following owner:
George W. Harris, 3253 Brookwood Dr., Lafayette, CA 94504

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 12, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 12, 1997.
The Journal March 6, 13, 20, 27, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1231
The Names of the Businesses:
1) Delf Publications 2) TechCheck, 5232 Panama Ave., Richmond, CA 94804
Are registered by the following owner:
Elizabeth Dukes, 5232 Panama Ave., Richmond, CA 94804

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 26, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 26, 1997.
The Journal March 6, 13, 20, 27, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-805
The Name of the Business:
Intelligence Communications, 6119 Columbia Ave., Richmond, CA 94804
is registered by the following owner:
Belinda Leung, 6119 Columbia Ave., Richmond, CA 94804

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 10, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 10, 1997.
The Journal March 6, 13, 20, 27, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-866
The Name of the Business:
In the Word Data Processing, 2648 Wellington Ct., Concord, CA 94520
is registered by the following owner:
Lisa Marie Cridler, 2648 Wellington Ct., Concord, CA 94520

This business is conducted by an individual.
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Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 10, 1997.
The Journal March 6, 13, 20, 27, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-866
The Name of the Business:
Carter Mazotti Productions, 2950 Buskirk Ave #140, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
is registered by the following owner:
Debbie Carter, 225 Whittier Way, Martinez, CA 94553

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 27, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 27, 1997.
The Journal March 6, 13, 20, 27, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1062
The Name of the Business:
Jiff Girls Ruled the World..., 1332 S. 49th St., Richmond, CA 94804
is registered by the following owners:
Barbara Koller, 156 Schooner Court, Richmond, CA 94804
Catherine Razer, 156 Schooner Court, Richmond, CA 94804

This business is conducted by Co-Partners.
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 10, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 11, 1997.
The Journal March 6, 13, 20, 27, 1997.

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is registered by the following owners:
Barbara Koller, 156 Schooner Court, Richmond, CA 94804
Catherine Razer, 156 Schooner Court, Richmond, CA 94804

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 14, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 14, 1997.
The Journal March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 1997.

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Jiff Girls Ruled the World..., 1332 S. 49th St., Richmond, CA 94804
is registered by the following owners:
Barbara Koller, 156 Schooner Court, Richmond, CA 94804
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-771
The Name of the Business:
Only Beja, 5000 Cabrillo Point, Discovery Bay, CA 94514
is registered by the following owners:

Ed Calvin, 5000 Cabrillo Point, Discovery Bay, CA 94514.
Held Calvin, 5000 Cabrillo Point, Discovery Bay, CA 94514.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1182
The Name of the Business:
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File No. 97-1182
The Name of the Business:
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 5, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February

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The Gala is important for raising new monies to keep and strengthen the "Fairyland Magic" by creating new interactive sets, stage structures, and educational programs for children.

There will be new attractions that would better represent our growing cultural communities. This year's Gala brought in over \$100,000 after expenses, that was used to increase Fairyland's Outreach Programs into the schools, and to help fund the construction of our new "Play Island" Family Robinson set.

The much needed new directional signs facing Grand Avenue will be a "product" of the Gala. Children were treated to a night of fun and dancing as well as a Silent Auction and a Live

one of the hottest auction items last year was "Fairyland Queen For A Day!". Fairyland claimed one lucky child as the winner and held a coronation ceremony featuring the magic of Merlin the Wizard!

The event included a party for children and her selected Court attendants, costumes, and the celebration with a pageant program. It was a wonderful evening.

Tickets are already selling fast. They start at \$125 per person, and tables are able to buy reserved tables at \$1,250, \$3,000, and \$10,000.

There are also some benefits from reserving a special table. A \$10,000 table includes a week-



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end banner in Fairyland proclaiming the name of your business or family and 200 free passes to the park. A \$5,000 table has a banner in Fairyland for one day plus 100 free passes for friends, family or employees.

And a \$3,000 table includes a banner for one day in the park plus 50 free passes. These reserved tables will be themed with such names as "Mad Hatter's Tea Table," "Emerald City Table," or

"The Round Table of King Arthur".

Besides dinner and dancing, there will be a Silent Auction and a Live Auction. Auction items so far include 1,200 gallons of gasoline, fine wines from the Napa Valley, tickets to Cirque du Soleil and Phantom of the Opera, and "Fairyland Queen For A Day!"

Help make a child's dream come true, and party with the Fairyland crowd on Thursday,

May 22!

All proceeds will go to creating a better and brighter Children's Fairyland - the shining jewel on the crown of Oakland! For more information, please contact Nancy Stark at (510) 238-6878 #2.

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Letter From The Executive Director, Nancy Stark

Have you ever thought of Fairyland as an Adoptive Parent? Well, we are one now.

Those of you who attended our 1996 Jack O'Lantern Jam-boree took part in our Lost Baby Dragon's search for his Mother.

With the help of Sir Hood Wink, we searched the grounds looking for his Mother.

Without any luck finding his Mother, Fairyland adopted the Baby Dragon as a permanent resident of Fairyland.

The Lost Baby Dragon of

Fairyland (copyright) was originally created by Oakland District Attorney (and artist) Don Ingraham.

He has generously signed the copyright over to us and we are looking forward to a long and loving relationship with our own Dragon.

Even though he is now "found," the Baby prefers to keep the word "lost" in his title. "I've been called The Lost Baby Dragon for such a long time," he said, "that I wouldn't know who you were talking to if you didn't use my full name."

As the months go by, you'll be hearing more about Fairyland's Lost Dragon. Our Board of Directors is excited about the opportunities presented by having a very original Dragon to play with.

Early discussions focus on the use of The Lost Baby Dragon (copyright) as our trademark

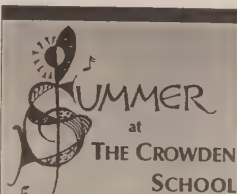
character with a product that includes lunch stationery, rubber stamps, Baby Dragon Costumes and others.

Perhaps, in the future, we even see neckties and wallets embossed with our Dragon geared to the adults who shop up at Fairyland.

We anticipate having fun with the whole concept you're interested in helping develop this idea, give me a call at (510) 452-2259 or leave a message on Voice Mail at 238-6878 #2.

The Lost Baby Dragon will be appearing at Special Events throughout the year. You know him by his large tail and diaper. He's friendly and a little children for he is one himself.

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In the past few years, the Personalities have been ambassadors of Fairyland reaching out into the community through parades, fairs and short playlets that they per-

form. These 8-to-10-year-olds often use their own material and through Youth Development Director Patricia Blue are encouraged to bring younger children into the Fairyland atmosphere that is so much a part of the Children's Fairyland.

Many of our past personalities have gone on to bigger and better things. Our alumni include acting professionals, professional singers and dancers, artists, writers, poets, puppeteers, computer designers, and business men and women, just to name a few.

Some of them continue to bring the magic of Fairyland into their lives and the lives of those around them. Some of our recent Personalities are already reaching out to Fairyland and brightening the lives of children with their blossoming tal-

ents. Susan and Liesl Weimer were Past Personalities from 1992 to 1994.

Liesl began her years with us as Snow White and went on to become Snow White and Raggedy Ann.

Bryan was Tom Sawyer and now resides in Oakland.

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Alicia Lundgren poses as a tap dancing Yankee Doodle!

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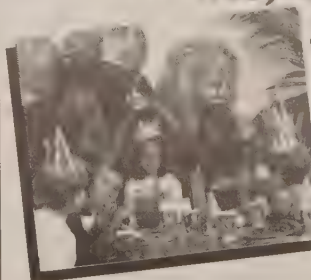
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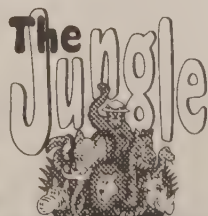


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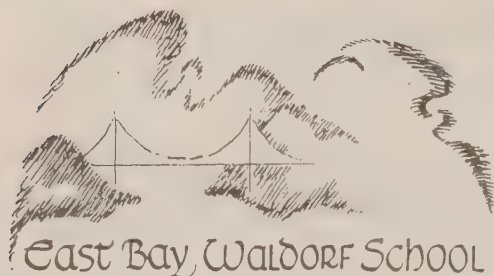
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Bryan Weimer now 12, has left his hometown to live and study in Princeton, New Jersey, with The American Boy Choir.

This unique singing group formed as an answer to Hitler banning The Vienna Boy's Choir from touring in the late '30s, has gone on to become one of the highest regarded choirs in the world.

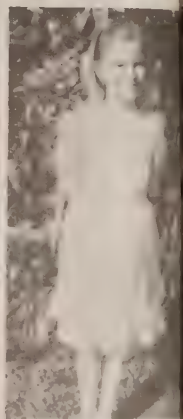
The academy in Princeton stresses academics and singing to boys 5th through 8th grades. Bryan also has a love for playing the trumpet, but had to put that aside since this particular instrument would change the shape of his mouth for singing.

Bryan expressed recently that acting in Fairyland improved his stage presence, and allowed him to express himself more freely through his music.

Bryan wants to study instrumental music, but he's keeping his options open for joining a men's choir in a few years. In the meantime, though he's busy planning for an upcoming South African tour with the choir.

His sister Liesl, now 14, has turned her talents towards acting and piano. After Fairyland, she became involved with "Kids on Camera" a film/acting program for young kids in San Francisco.

Landing a part as an extra in a Bank One commercial just fueled her hopes for stardom. At Fairyland, Liesl not only acted, she also ran sound for programs and helped the younger kids with their acting talents.



Photos courtesy of The Imperial Society for Teachers of Dance
Bryan at The Boy Choir academy and his sister Liesl at Fairyland.

She keeps busy studying Shakespeare and alternative jazz piano in school. She has even been recorded recently on a professional jazz compact disk.

Alicia Lundgren is another Oakland resident heading towards the stars. A recent Personality graduate, Alicia has been seen at Fairyland as Yankee Doodle, Jiminy Cricket, and Hina - Goddess of the Moon. Alicia is just 11 and already is beginning her high school years.

When not busy staying ahead of her academics, Alicia can be found at dance studios studying classical ballet, tap and jazz.

Already noticed for her outstanding abilities by the Imperial Society for Teachers of Dance, based in London, she has a promising career in dance. For fun, Ali-

cia spends her time volunteering at Fairyland with resident Marilynn O'Hare and at the A-Long Rescue Society, a group that finds homes for lost puppies. A shy child when she first arrived at Fairyland, she has blossomed into a confident and accomplished performer through the personality program.

If you would like to know about the Fairytale Personality program or see these creative children in their element, the 1997 Personality program will begin their weekend shows on Saturday, April 5 at 12:30 p.m.

Shows this year will include "Aladdin," "The Monkey and the Coconut," and of course "Alice in Wonderland." In the meantime, we hope they will one day come to Fairyland and share their talents once again with us.



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See LARK on page 6



The Lakeside Lark as it
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Japan.

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Although severely damaged in the 1989 earthquake, the historical society is in the process of returning it to designer Oscar Prager's former magnificence.

You may also notice around the Lark's pathway ornamental light posts. In 1925, the Necklace of Lights was designed by Romaine W. Myers and circled the Lake.

However, during the blackouts of World War II, the lights were disconnected for safety reasons. They remained unused until in the late 1980's.

The Lake Merritt Breakfast Club - Fairyland's original builders, reconstructed the Necklace of Lights - now an Oakland treasure.

At the end of the Lakeside Lark's "Half Way Point" you will find the Duck Pond. This is the home of the Lake Merritt Boating Center, the Rotary Science Center, and The Junior Center of Arts and Science.

In 1953, the Rotary Natural Science Center was constructed

and became home to all the grating bird wildlife that Lake Merritt a vacationing.

Today the Science Center offers free exhibits, films and lectures. Call 238-3739 for information.

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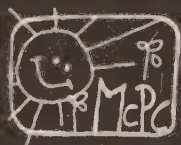
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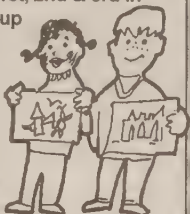
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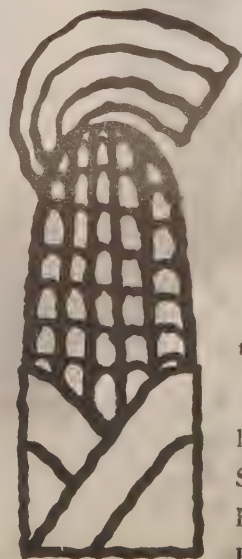
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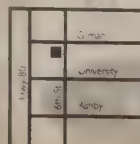
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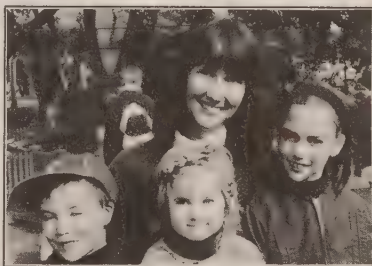
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WHAT D'YA THINK?

Photos by Carl LaRue

What is your fondest memory of Fairyland as a child?

Fronne Fought, San Leandro - Special Operations, Oakland Police Department: (Pictured with her children Casey, Shannon and Kaley)

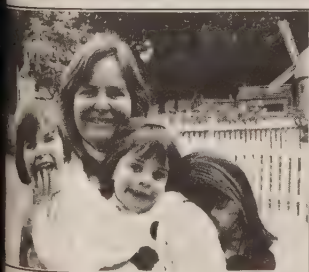


I always remembered the puppet shows, and getting swallowed by Willie the whale. It was fun climbing in and out of the mouth.

Dawn Erdelatz, Oakland - Nurse Practitioner/Volunteer:



Well you know I was here when Fairyland first opened. We lived across the street and couldn't wait for the place to open. To me, it was and is, the only place in the world that's "kid-sized."



Andrea Regan, Pacifica - Charles Schwab: (Pictured with her twins Shannon and Hayley and Katie)

I remember the music of the park and the fun of discovering new treasures at every turn. My children beg to come back here, and it's one of the safest places I know.

The Fairytale Personalities Coronation Day is March 22 starting at 2:30 p.m.

Blake Bartling, Dublin - Heavy Equipment Operator: (Pictured with his son Kevin)



The trains and animals always held a fascination for me. I loved traveling the tracks, imagining I'm going to magical places.

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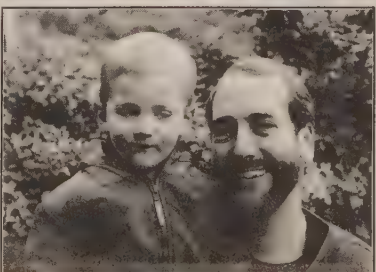
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Michael Sanders, San Jose - Plastic worker and hair stylist: (Pictured with daughters Jade and Ebony)

I loved the fact that the park was a petting zoo. It allowed me to have hands on contact with animals I couldn't have as pets.

Tom Elmendorf, Oakland - Engineer: (Pictured with his son Robbie)



Today the park seems kind of small - I remember it as being much bigger! Funny how that happens. I also loved feeding the

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Fairyland Welcomes New Boardmember Joe Guzman

Oakland resident, Joe Guzman, was recently appointed to the Children's Fairyland Board of Directors. Jeff Wong, current President of the organization is thrilled to have him aboard.

"Being a member of the Oakland Parks Commission, and a lawyer" says Wong, "will be a great asset to us as we guide Fairyland's future."

Joe is not a stranger to Fairyland. His two daughters Merril (9), and Megan (13), attend Saint

Paul's Episcopal School and have grown up in and around Fairyland's gates.

He and his wife, Catherine, often visit our fabled land and enjoy spending a quiet day with the children here.

Joe is a member of The Lake Merritt Breakfast Club, Fairyland's founders, as well as being a prominent San Francisco attorney. He received his law degree from Berkeley and grew up in the Bay Area.

His wife Catherine helps manage "Kids In Motion" an Oakland children's gymnastic school.

When not dealing with public matters regarding his position on the Oakland Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, Joe and his family enjoy being together exploring their shared interests such as skiing, music and backpacking.

One of the first duties he will enjoy working on as part of the



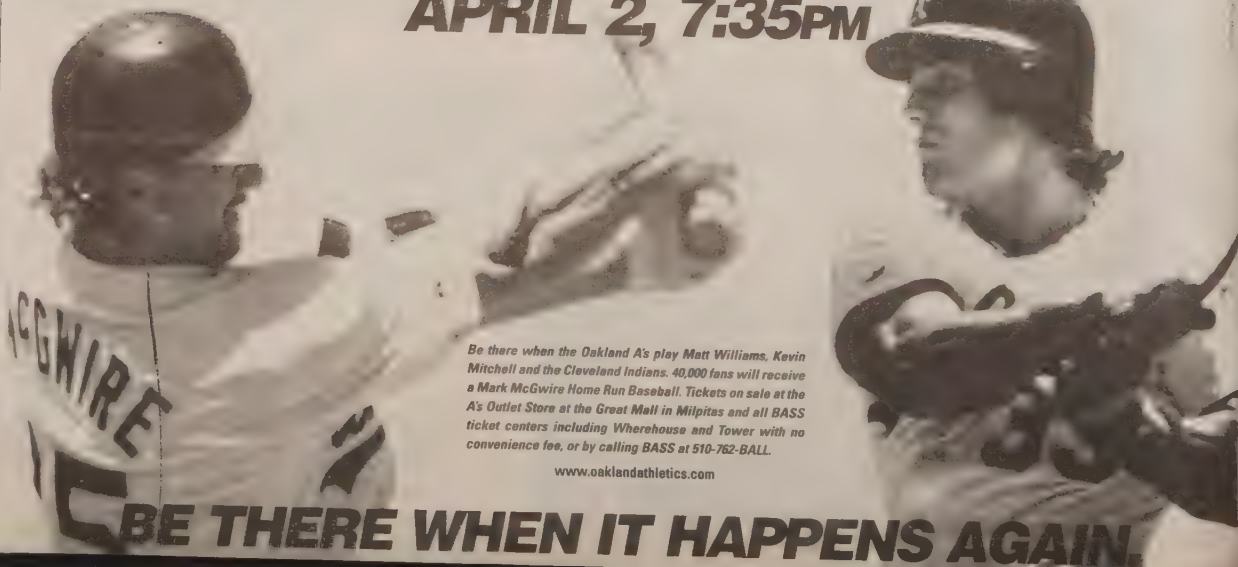
Joe Guzman and his youngest daughter Merril, take time out to play with Bouncer, Fairyland's pet rabbit.

Fairyland Trustees is seeing the Measure I money used to it's best potential. "I want to see Fairyland revived, refurbished, and restored to the great park it is!" explains Guzman. Welcome aboard Joe! It looks like we have a great future!

Dragon Tales



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Mike Fietson

Puppeteer Lewis Mahlmann places wood cutouts into one of the windows for the story of The Bremen Town Musicians.

away. But Children's Fairyland is more than happy for these famous Grimm's Brothers characters.

See BREMEN on page 17

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Schedule of Events March through June 1997

Fairyland is currently on its **WINTER** Schedule Open Friday through Sunday
10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
(weather permitting)

March: "Marching Into Spring" Month

Sat. March 15 Guide Dog Day!

The members of The 4-H Guide Dog Organization show the kids how they train guide dogs for the blind.

Arts and Crafts - Noon to 3 p.m.

Sun. March 16 4-H Day!

The members of local 4-H clubs join us at Fairyland to share their talents and exhibits.

Arts and Crafts - Noon to 3 p.m.

Animal Corral - Noon to 3 p.m.

Sat. March 22: The Fairytale Personality Coronation Day!

Join us at Fairyland as we welcome in the new 1997

Fairyland Personalities in a grand ceremony at 2:30 p.m.

Meet your favorite storybook character come to life.

Arts and Crafts - Noon to 3 p.m.

Sun. March 23 Special Talent Day!

Magic - 1 & 2:30 p.m.

Arts and Crafts - Noon to 3 p.m.

Animal Corral - Noon to 3 p.m.

Wednesday March 26
though Sunday, March 30:
SPRING BREAK
Fairyland is open every day!

Juggling show at 1 and 2:30 p.m.
Peter Cottontail - Noon to 4 p.m.

Sat. March 29: Spring Crafts - Noon to 3 p.m.
Peter Cottontail - Noon to 4 p.m.
Juggling show at 1 and 2:30 p.m.

Sun. March 30:
Spring
Peter Cottontail - Noon to 4 p.m.
Juggling show at 1:00 and 2:30
Animal Corral - Noon to 3 p.m.

Crafts - Noon to 3 p.m.
EASTER

Wed. March 26: Annual Egg roll at 1 and 3 p.m.



Storytelling at 1 p.m.
Art Contest at 1 p.m.

Sun. April 6: Special Event Day!
The Fairytale Personalities perform at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m.
Storytelling at 1 p.m.
Arts and Crafts - Noon to 3 p.m.
Animal Corral - Noon to 3 p.m.



April: "Spring Has Sprung" Month:

Wed. April 2: Fairyland begins its **SPRING** Schedule
Open Wednesday through Sunday
10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sat. April 5: Special Talent Day!

The 1997 Fairytale Personalities begin their new season with performances at 12:30 and 3 p.m.

Fri April 11: New show: "The Troll King's Birthday"
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A blind widow is out there with her small child and an evil two-headed troll named Ollie-Mollie, who tutes the Troll King's Birthday. With this evil deed, a human child grows up as a troll, loving the sunlight kept in a dark cave. While the Troll child is as a human shunning the air and sunshine. With the

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...a small human child, ...the children are ...back. But what of ...? You'll have to see ...show for a surprise end-

Sat. April 12: Scandina-
vian Festival Day!

The Fairytale Personalities
perform at 12:30 and 3 p.m.

Arts and Crafts - Noon to 3
p.m.

Animal Corral - Noon to 3
p.m.



Sun. April 13: Scandina-
vian Festival Day!

The Fairytale Personalities
perform at 12:30 and 3 p.m.

Arts and Crafts - Noon to 3
p.m.

Animal Corral - Noon to 3
p.m.

Sat. April 19: Special Tal-
ent Day!

ent Day!

The Fairytale Personalities
perform at 12:30 and 3 p.m.

Juggling show at 1 and 2:30
p.m.

Art Contest at 1 p.m.

Sun. April 20: Special Tal-
ent Day!

The Fairytale Personalities
perform at 12:30 and 3 p.m.

Juggling show at 1 and 2:30
p.m.

Arts and Crafts - Noon to 3
p.m.

Animal Corral - Noon to 3
p.m.

perform at 12:30 and 3 p.m.
Arts and Crafts - Noon to 3
p.m.

Sun. April 27: Animal
Safety Day!

Members of local animal
care organizations visit Fairy-
land and through hands-on
demonstrations and lectures
teach the children about car-
ing for our animal friends.
Noon to 4 p.m.

The
Fairytale
Personal-
ities perform
at 12:30 and
3 p.m.

Arts and
Crafts -
Noon to 3
p.m.

Animal
Corral -
Noon to 3
p.m.

**May: "The Magic of
Fiesta" Month:**

Sat. May 3: Special Talent
Day!

The Fairytale Personalities
perform at 12:30 and 3 p.m.

Juggling show at 1 and 2:30
p.m.

Art Contest at 1 p.m.

Sun. May 4: Special Talent
Day!

The Fairytale Personalities

perform at 12:30 and 3 p.m.
Juggling show at 1 and 2:30
p.m.

Arts and Crafts - Noon to 3
p.m.

Animal Corral - Noon to 3
p.m.

Sat. May 10: Fiesta Week-
end!

Festivities include storytell-
ing, dancing, and other magic
surprises! Noon to 4 p.m.



The Fairytale Personalities
perform at 12:30 and 3 p.m.
Arts and Crafts - Noon to 3
p.m.

Sun. May 11: Fiesta Week-
end!

Festivities include storytell-
ing, dancing, and other magic
surprises! Noon to 4 p.m.

The Fairytale Personalities
perform at 12:30 and 3 p.m.

Arts and Crafts - Noon to 3
p.m.

Animal Corral - Noon to 3
p.m.

Sat. May 17: Special Tal-
ent Day!

The Fairytale Personalities
perform at

12:30 and 3
p.m.

Storytelling
at 1 and 2:30
p.m.

Art Contest
at 1 p.m.

**Sun. May
18:** Special
Talent Day!

The
Fairytale Per-
sonalities perform at 12:30

and 3 p.m.

Storytelling at 1 and 2:30
p.m.

Arts and Crafts - Noon to 3
p.m.

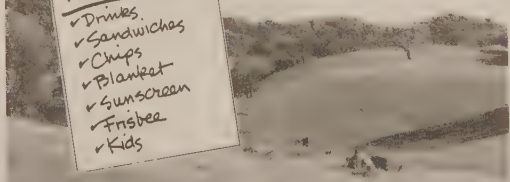
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A PIECE OF MUSLIN 5"x7"
OR CLOTH

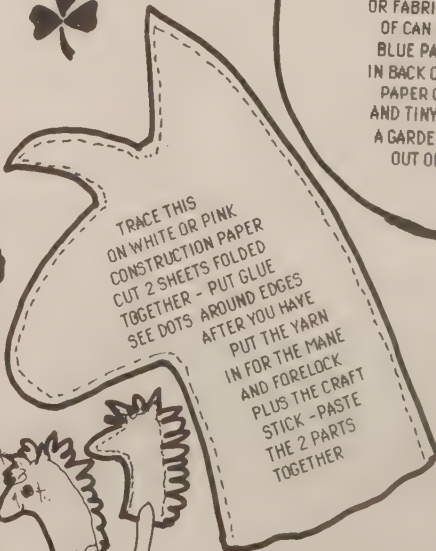
STICK SHAMROCK ON
CLOTH - TAPE OR GLUE
ON A SAFE STICK (THE
CARDBOARD ROD IN WIRE
HANGERS)

SHAMROCK
LEAVES

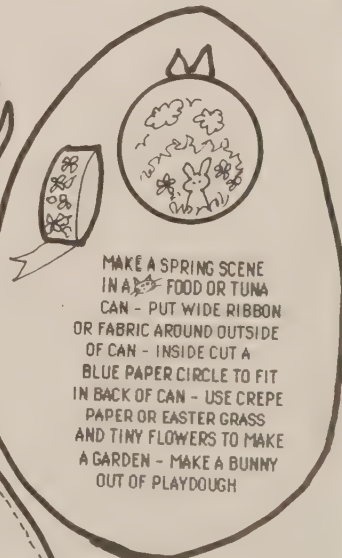


CUT 3 OF THESE
OUT OF SELF-
STICK GREEN
SHELF PAPER

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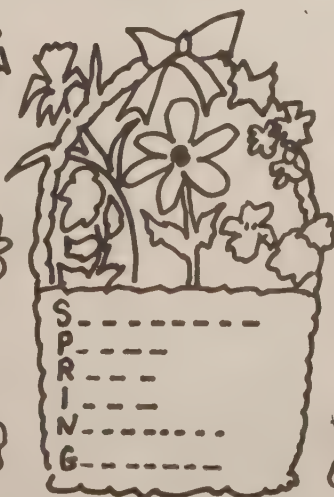


TRACE THIS
ON WHITE OR PINK
CONSTRUCTION PAPER
CUT 2 SHEETS FOLDED
TOGETHER - PUT GLUE
SEES DOTS AROUND EDGES
AFTER YOU HAVE
PUT THE YARN
IN FOR THE MANE
AND FORELOCK
PLUS THE CRAFT
STICK - PASTE
THE 2 PARTS
TOGETHER



MAKE A SPRING SCENE
IN A ~~AL~~ FOOD OR TUNA
CAN - PUT WIDE RIBBON
OR FABRIC AROUND OUTSIDE
OF CAN - INSIDE CUT A
BLUE PAPER CIRCLE TO FIT
IN BACK OF CAN - USE CREPE
PAPER OR EASTER GRASS
AND TINY FLOWERS TO MAKE
A GARDEN - MAKE A BUNNY
OUT OF PLAYDOUGH

MAKE A
UNICORN PUPPET
YOU WILL NEED
CONSTRUCTION PAPER
YARN - 2 SEQUINS
(FOR EYES)
A CRAFT STICK
GLITTER IF YOU
HAVE IT.



Can You Name the
Flowers in the May Basket?
— color them —

A WONDERFUL OLD CUSTOM WAS ...
ON THE 1ST OF MAY - GATHER A
FEW FLOWERS - TIE THEM IN A
NOSEGAY OR PUT THEM IN
A BERRY BASKET AND
TAKE THEM TO A
NEIGHBOR



PLANT AN EGG CARTON GARDEN

ASK YOUR MOM TO CRACK
EGGS IN 1/2 AND SAVE
THE 1/2 SHELLS - RINSE THEM
AND PUT IN A CARDBOARD
EGG CARTON - WHEN YOU
HAVE A DOZEN, FILL THEM
WITH POTTING SOIL - SPRINKLE SEED
IN THE SHELL AND WATCH THEM SPROUT.



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p.m.

May
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23 through July 11

es Snow White and
Red live in the forest
Mother. One Winter
ing they find a helpless
at their door. The sisters
bear in and care for it.

Spring, while travel-
ing the forest, they keep
ing to the aid of an un-
dwarf who keeps get-
ing a long beard cut. The
sisters keep trimming the
beard until nothing is left.

point the angry dwarf
to them and their bear
to the rescue. With the
magic, the bear turns
into a Prince! The dwarf's
beard was in his beard and
the bear's spell was
broken. They all live happily
ever.

May 24: Magic Week-

Members of local
magician's guilds amaze visi-
tors with magical spells! Noon

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ated activities.

ed if you just wish to enjoy
the shadow of Lake Merritt,
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well, its time to board the
sailboat. Lark for your return trip
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the names and history of all these
places, Lake Merritt attrac-
tion, you can enjoy them again
and return back to our Fairy Tale

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ning on weekends and holidays start-
ing in the spring. Lark hours are
from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Alll!l! Aboard!
Children's Fairyland's Lake-

to 4 p.m.

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perform at 12:30 and 3 p.m.
Arts and Crafts - Noon to 3

p.m.

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to 4 p.m.

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Arts and Crafts - Noon to 3
p.m.
Animal Corral - Noon to 3
p.m.

Mon. May 26: Memorial
Day - Fairyland is open!
Magic Shows at 1 and 2:30
p.m.
Arts and Crafts - Noon to 3
p.m.

Sat. May 31: Special Tal-
ent Day!

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Sun. May 25: Magic Week-
end!

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magician's guilds amaze visi-

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Storytelling at 1 and 2:30 p.m.

June: "Summer Fun is Here" Month:

Sun. June 1: Special Talent Day!

The Fairytale Personalities perform at 12:30 and 3 p.m.
Storytelling at 1 and 2:30 p.m.

Arts and Crafts - Noon to 3 p.m.
Animal Corral - Noon to 3 p.m.

Sat. June 7: Special Talent Day!
The Fairytale Personalities perform at 12:30 and 3 p.m.
Juggling Shows at 1 and 2:30 p.m.

Sun. June 8: Special Talent Day!
The Fairytale Personalities perform at 12:30 and 3 p.m.
Juggling shows at 1 and 2:30 p.m.
Arts and Crafts - Noon to 3 p.m.
Animal Corral - Noon to 3 p.m.

Sat. June 14: Pirate Weekend!

Join Captain Hook and Peter Pan as they choose a new crew for the Jolly Roger - 1 and 2:30 p.m.

The Fairytale Personalities perform at 12:30 and 3:30 p.m.
Arts and Crafts - Noon to 3 p.m.

Sun. June 15: Pirate Weekend!

Join Captain Hook and Peter Pan as they choose a new crew for the Jolly Roger - 1 and 2:30 p.m.

The Fairytale Personalities perform at 12:30 and 3:30 p.m.



Arts and Crafts - Noon to 3 p.m.
Animal Corral - Noon to 3 p.m.

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10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Sat. June 21: Fairyland's Summer Annual Midsummer Arts Camp
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Ramos is certainly a busy woman while holding down a full time job, she finds time to be with her very large family, which includes 5 sisters and 4 brothers, plus volunteering for many organizations such as theameda Musical Children's and Children's Fairyland. Her daughter, Ana, came to the year and auditioned and was in the Fairytale Personality Aspart of the children's

year long commitment they are responsible for designing and having constructed a fairytale costume.

This is when Ann's talents were first noticed. Her daughter would show up and sing in these wonderful simple, yet elegant costumes. The next thing Ann knew, she was volunteering to help create other costumes for Personality families.

But that's not all! Ann's full

time job is working as a Photo Engineer for B.T.S. Industries. She designs photograph boards for large displays and court room situations. Working at B.T.S. Industries gave her the inspiration to work with photos of the Personality children to create beautiful posters and graphics for the Fairytale Program.

During her spare time, she and her good friend Cynthia Price See OZ on page 18



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to take up residence in the

to the support and donations of the Oakland Sunset Club, Rotary International, Musical Mountain House "Water Tinkle" is about to get built. Elisabeth Olney Anderson Haybert Houston, who handle special projects for the house, when you turn the "Magic Key", as well beautiful shrubs and plants surrounding the grounds surround-

ing the musical house.

Dedication for the new set is tentatively set for early April. In the meantime, Elisabeth, and members of the Sunset Music Club are busy turning the ground around the set and working with Fairytale Horticulturist Mary Phillips.

Colorful spring flowers will include Japanese Anemone, Coral Bells, Gold Dust Plants and Daffodils.

The railing around the mountain home will be adorned with musical notes and will be illustrated with the words and music

for a traditional children's song: "I Had A Little Nut Tree".

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Oz...

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photographed children at The Jack O'Lantern Jamboree and young visitors on Santa's lap during the holidays.

Her next challenge is to master her own printing press which sits in her basement. Then she can help with all her daughter's and families activities.

Ann figures she'll be designing wedding, birth, and social invitations for many years to come!

Her ever-helpful husband, Alfonso, lends a hand whenever he can. Using his mechanical and carpentry skills, he often creates display easels and lighting contraptions whenever they are called for.

I have a feeling that with all her artistic and creative endeavors, Ann is going to be very busy for a long time!

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Mike Fiteelson

Ann Ramos checks the folds on the dress she designed for Glinda of Oz, Leone Price.



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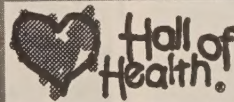
2 cups dry buttermilk
8 tsp. baking powder
6 cups all purpose flour
4 tsp. baking soda
2 cups whole wheat flour
2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup sugar

In a large bowl combine all the ingredients. Stir with a wire whisk until well blended. Store in air-tight container. Makes 12 cups. Use within 6 months.

Pancakes - 1 cup water, 1 egg, 2 tbsps. oil, 1 1/2 cups mix. Mix water, egg and oil together. Stir in mix. Let sit for 5 minutes. (Add extra water for thinner pancakes.)

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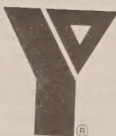
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